

As we approach the 2011 North Carolina Envirothon on April 29 & 30, 2011 it is important for all High School teams and advisors to be aware that changes have been made to the Oral Presentation Component (OPC) of this year's contest. The major changes that have been implemented are outlined below.

- The OPC will be a mandatory part of the North Carolina Envirothon state contest for all High School teams. The OPC will not be a part of area contests.
- The OPC will be worth a maximum of 100 points and will be a part of the scoring to determine the overall winner. (1/6th of total contest)
- The OPC problem will be given out at the contest at a new OPC Preparation station that has been added to the station rotation on Friday afternoon. Teams will have 65 minutes to prepare their presentation. Following preparation, teams will rotate to the OPC Judging station to give their presentations.
- Oral Presentations are required to be 8 to 10 minutes in length.
- Teams will be judged based upon their knowledge of the resource material provided for Soil/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Wildlife, Forestry and Current Environmental Issues. No resources outside of what was provided for this year's NC Envirothon will be required.
- No resource material, notes, or use of mobile electronic devices will be permitted at the OPC Preparation station.
- Teams will be provided one poster board and a set of colored markers for use in creating visual aids. In addition, 3" x 5" note cards will be provided to each team for making notes.

To help your team prepare for the OPC portion of the contest, please take the time to read all the files we have placed on the NC Envirothon Oral Presentation Resources section of the North Carolina Envirothon website (http://www.ncenvirothon.org/high_school_resources1.htm).