



**The Alaska State Envirothon** is looking for natural resource professionals to volunteer for the 2011/2012 program. Help youth across Alaska develop environmental stewardship by introducing them to natural sciences through an exciting hands-on learning experience.

### **What is Envirothon?**

The Alaska Envirothon is a year-long environmental education program for students at the middle and high school level that culminates with a statewide competition. One of the most intriguing outcomes of the Envirothon program is that several natural resource-focused groups join together to engage young people in hands-on learning. During the competition, students visit five field stations—Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, Soils and Nonpoint Source Pollution—in order to complete problem-based tests.

## **AS A STATION VOLUNTEER YOU WILL:**

### **1. JOIN A COMMITTEE BASED ON YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE: SOILS/AQUATICS/WILDLIFE/FORESTRY/NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION**

- Work with other professionals in your field
- Meet with your committee occasionally throughout the school year

### **2. REVIEW & ADAPT STUDY MATERIALS**

- Study materials and curriculum have been created for this program. Your committee may adapt or add materials to the study guide
- Focus on local and regional natural history

### **3. CREATE A 50-POINT HANDS-ON TEST**

- The test should be active in nature, encouraging students to get their hands dirty!
- Your committee will gather all supplies needed for students to complete the test

### **4. SUPERVISE YOUR TESTING STATION AT THE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION**

- The competition will take place the last week in April
- There will be groups of students rotating around each station. You will distribute the test five times throughout the day.

## WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Receive a limited edition Alaska Envirothon t-shirt
- Invitation for two to a catered banquet
- Network with other agencies
- Introduce youth to careers in the environmental field

**The mission** of Alaska Envirothon is to increase students' knowledge of natural resource issues and ecological sustainability principles through practical studies in their own communities.

This year, the Envirothon is being hosted in Palmer and our Soil and Water Conservation District has a vision to grow significantly by involving more schools, providing more support for students and teachers, and promoting greater agency-school interaction.

Thank you for your support.



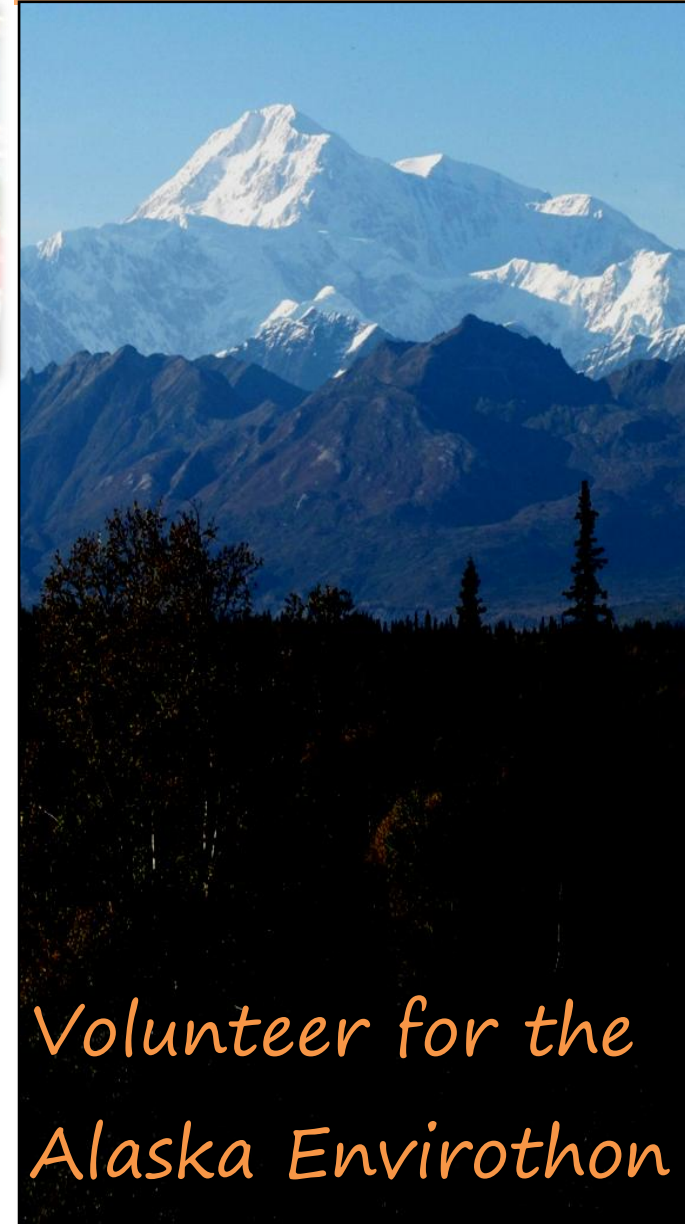
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