



CDI President Ramona Nitz introducing winners

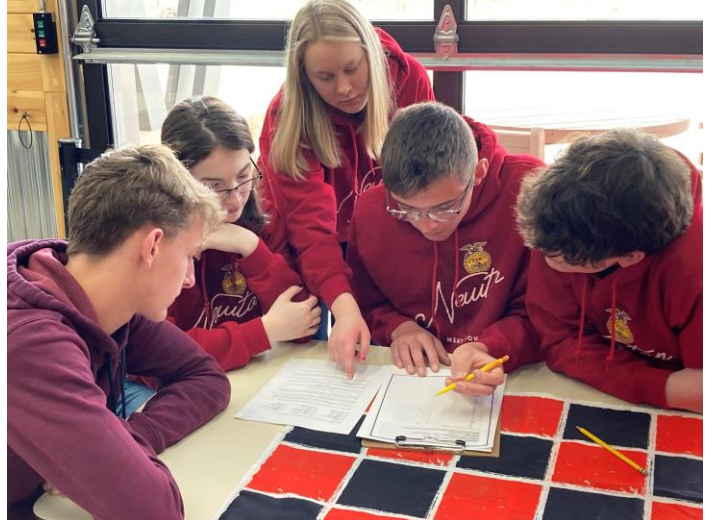
CDI Envirothon 2023

Looking for a good reason to be optimistic about the future? Spend a day with Iowa high school conservation-savvy students during a statewide CDI Envirothon competition. The intensity of their passion for natural resource science and dedication to conservation knowledge is an inspiration. On April 24th, 15 teams of five members each gathered at Jester Park in Polk County to see which would advance to the NCF International Envirothon Competition in Vancouver. Moving from one test-station to the next, teams huddled together to answer a series of questions – written and developed specifically for the Iowa competition, overseen by Program Director Carlee Sabus – that challenged their knowledge of aquatic ecology, forestry, soils, and wildlife; oral presentations were made before a three-judge panel. At day's end, CDI President Ramona Nitz announced the winners: 1st Place Overall (by a 52-point margin!) Decorah Nerd Republic; 2nd Place Overall Muscatine Gold FFA; 3rd Place Menacing Monarchs Marshalltown; 4th Place Skabush Decorah. In the FFA division: 1st Place FFA: Muscatine Gold; 2nd Place FFA: Louisa-Muscatine Black. For more pictures:

[CDI Envirothon video moments.](#)



3rd Place overall: Menacing Monarchs Marshalltown; \$500 cash prize for 3rd place (4th place winners – Skabush Decorah, earn \$250 cash prize).



Newton FFA bring teamwork to an Envirothon test



1st Place overall: Decorah Nerd Republic; win all-expenses paid trip to international competition in Vancouver!



FFA 1st Place and 2nd Place overall: Muscatine Gold FFA; \$1,000 cash prize for 2nd place.