

## Questions & Answers for All Teams

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**Question:** Which activities should the alternate team members attend?

**Answer:** Advisors, team members, alternate team members, prospective team members and other persons interested in learning are welcome at all training events. (Please RSVP so we know how many will be participating.)

The day of the test, if 5 team members are in attendance, there is no need for the alternates to come to Cade. Only the team members will be in the rotations. Once advisors have delivered their teams, provided their cell phone numbers for emergency contacts and been through the welcome program, advisors, alternates and any other guests may drive into New Iberia, St Martinville or Lafayette and sightsee, shop or whatever until time for the award program.

**Question:** Our team has several compasses of several different types. Which should we practice with?

**Answer:** The compasses that will be used during the test have the reflector/mirror similar to the Silva Ranger. The team may practice with any compasses they have available.

**Question:** All I can find from the web site is last year's info.

**ANSWER:** Updated study guide info is pushed to registered teams and interested parties they are received. Until that time, it is safe to assume there will not be significant changes in the study **guides**.

**Question:** I couldn't make the first meeting and I need to find out what to do about the presentation. It looks like there's a deadline coming up.

**Answer:** Registered teams and interested parties should have gotten emails on the oral presentation during the first week of March. The oral pres info is at the top of the LE website  
**[www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon) ... right under the registration info.**

**Question:** How much can our adviser help w/the oral presentation? i.e. Can we tell him what the presentation is? Can he give us specific

ideas/info?

**Answer:** Teams need do all of the work themselves. We have no problem with advisors viewing the proposed site and saying 'it has potential' or 'it has too much (or too little) potential'. Teams need to determine what needs to be done, what can reasonably be done and what should be done. Subject matter experts may be engaged for specific information.

Remember proposed site must be approved by the LE 2008 committee.. the sooner you get your site approved, the sooner you can begin developing your plan for it.

**Question:** How do we get the site approved? I know we have to ask the land owner for permission by March 10, but how do we get that info to you?

**Answer:** A description of the property (address, location/directions, current use, acreage, use of adjacent properties) and photographs should be emailed to karen.fisher@la.gov as soon as the potential site is identified. Approval may be given based on this information or a site visit may be required for approval.

**Question:** Our team may be late identifying the site to be used for the presentation. Will we be disqualified?

**Answer:** It is to the teams advantage to identify their site as soon as they are able. this will allow them more time for studying the site and exploring the best options for its use/improvement.

**Question:** What type of property should we look at for our oral presentation project? Would a neighborhood park be OK?

**Answer:** Recreation areas, neighborhood parks, abused right of ways, wooded areas, vacant properties, rural areas might all be candidates for approval for the oral presentation.

**Q -** If we are using a public land do we still need the landowner's permission?

**A -** The landowner or controlling agent needs to be aware of your project. Additionally, they should be invited to hear your

recommendations/presentation and should be provided a copy of your recommendations.

**Q.** - If a member of our team knows that they will not be able to travel to national event to compete, can they still compete with us in the Louisiana event?

**A.** - The team competing in the Louisiana event should be the same team that represents Louisiana at the national competition. Alternates are listed and should only be substituted when an emergency causes a team member to be unable to compete.