

Trial/Pilot Event

Contact the organizers of your tournament to find out what trial/pilot events will be held.

America – Land of Parks

Description - Because one of the major agencies contributing to environmental awareness and research is the United States National Parks System, this event is designed to focus on and promote this by selecting certain parks and using them as a source of information for this event. **The 2005 trial event will focus on the Yellowstone National Park.**

Reference Materials – The students may bring anything they wish to use for part B as allowed in the rules. No reference materials will be allowed for part A.

Number of Students – 1 to 3



Part A: Team Test - 100 points

The team of students will take a written test that will include and is limited to the material in the following areas:

1. location and size
2. brief history of the establishment of the park including significant people involved
3. major geological features existing and geological events involved in forming the park if any
4. major plant and animal species NOT to include scientific names
5. current research occurring in the park related to any topic of significance (not limited to science)
6. climate/weather information
7. efforts to preserve the park and yet encourage use

The questions will be of any type and will require a general knowledge.

Part B: Team Presentation - 250 points

All the members of the team are required to take part in an oral presentation about the park. At the regional level, this presentation cannot use PowerPoint. The team may feel free to make up to 5 visual aids of their choice including posters, models, etc. All members of the team are required to present orally during this presentation. The presentation must be between 5 and 7 minutes in length.

At the state level, the team must use PowerPoint and the presentation must be between 6 to 8 minutes. The team may also use any models, etc. they prepared for the regionals if they wish.

The topic for this year will be to discuss what is being done to preserve the park yet make it accessible to the public. At the end of the presentation, the judges will ask questions about any aspect of the presentation or the park in general. These questions may be directed to a specific team.