

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to EnviroBowl and good luck in the competition! Legacy and all of its volunteers hope you find the EnviroBowl competition challenging, rewarding and, most of all, fun! It should be an opportunity to test your knowledge about the environment against other students from across the state. We hope that this guide will help you prepare for your competition.

Legacy welcomes suggestions and corrections for this guide as well as the submission of pertinent questions not available in the source material. Questions pertaining to current events and discoveries are especially welcome in order to keep the contest and the contestants up-to-date. Submissions and inquiries should be addressed to Legacy, Inc., Attn: EnviroBowl Guide Editors, P.O. Box 3813, Montgomery, AL 36109.

PURPOSE

EnviroBowl was conceived in 1993 by Gavin Adams with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. It was initially sponsored by the State/Federal Agencies Committee of Legacy, Inc. as a project to promote environmental education in the state of Alabama. Approved by the Board of Directors for Legacy, Inc., the EnviroBowl competition was launched during Earth Week, 1994, at three locations (Auburn, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa) with thirty-six teams competing in a single elimination competition. In 1995, competition was limited to one location at Birmingham Southern College with twenty-one competitors and many teams returning from 1994.

During the summer of 1995, following the request of many enthusiastic participants, Legacy, Inc. decided to introduce double elimination as well as regional and state championship competitions in 1996. Three regional competitions were held in 1996 in Dothan, Jacksonville, and Tuscaloosa for twenty-four teams. In 1997, five regional competitions were held in Dothan, Jacksonville, Mobile, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa. We were able to add the Huntsville Regional in the 1999 EnviroBowl competition to make a total of six regionals. In 2006 the Huntsville regional was moved to Florence. Two finalists from each regional participated in the EnviroBowl State competition on the campus of University of Alabama at Birmingham. Currently, three finalists from each regional competition participate in the State EnviroBowl Competition held in Birmingham each year, and one senior participant from each region is awarded a \$1000 scholarship to the Alabama college of their choice.