

WEATHERING THE STORM

ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium
March 12-14, 2026



Mailer 2

2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium

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Mailer 2 - Individual Registration & Symposium Information
Released January 15, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapters of the ASCE Gulf Coast Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium Mailer 2**, the second of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference. Please carefully read this information and forward copies to the appropriate members in your ASCE Student Chapter and team members for each team competing at the student symposium. Do not delete this mailer as information given within may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Individual Registration and Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form,
- Tentative Symposium Schedule,
- Tentative Presentation Schedule,
- Symposium Communication,
- Business Meeting,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- ASCE Society Competition information,
- Local competition information,
- Hotel information, and
- Thank you to our sponsors!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at our general student symposium e-mail address, listed below. All symposium information such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our website and are also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Roll Tide and Go Blazers!

Grace Vaughan

Chair, 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Symposium
The University of Alabama ASCE Student Chapter

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Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment Form by January 30th, 2026.
Please note the individual registration deadline is February 15th, 2026.

Email - uaasce@ua.edu

Instagram - [@ASCEGulfCoast2026](https://www.instagram.com/ASCEGulfCoast2026)

LinkedIn - www.linkedin.com/company/asce-gulf-coast-student-symposium

Website - <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/gulf-coast/>

MAILER 2

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Individual Registration Form is due before February 15th. Registration is \$75 per person. After the 15th there will be a \$25 late fee added onto the original cost.

Please visit our symposium website below to register for the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium.

<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/gulf-coast/individual-registration-2/>

The Individual Registration Form must be filled out by ALL individuals attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, and faculty advisors. The Individual Registration Form contains liability waiver information required by ASCE that must be reviewed and acknowledged by every individual attending, participating, and/or spectating at the symposium.

Registration Form

PAYMENT OPTIONS

By Check:

Mail to : The University of Alabama – Civil Engineering
Attn: Adrienne Hall
3030 H.M. Comer Hall
PO Box 870200
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487
Memo line: CCEE - ASCE Symp Indiv Registration

Online payment:

www.purplepass.com/asceinvdreg

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium, please email uaasce@ua.edu

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENTS

The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events

BDS - Bryant Denny Stadium

SERC - South Engineering Research Center

NERC - North Engineering Research Center

HMC - HM Comer

TBA - To Be Announced

* - Business Casual Event

** - Business Professional Event

All Friday events will be held at Lake Nicol unless noted otherwise.

[Click here for Spreadsheet Format](#)

This schedule is subject to change. The spreadsheet above will be kept up to date with any changes between now and Mailer 3.

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH

12:00pm-4:00pm: Check-In (HM Comer)

2:00pm-3:00pm: Development Seminar #1 (SERC 1013)

2:00pm-4:00pm: Steel Bridge Competition Display Set-Up
(BDS - Walk of Champions)

3:00pm-4:00pm: Judges Meeting (Virtual)

3:30pm-4:30pm: Development Seminar #2 (SERC 1013)

4:00pm-4:30pm: Captain's Meeting Session #1 (TBA)

- Timber-Strong
- Steel Bridge
- Sustainable Solutions
- Construction Institute

4:00pm-5:00pm: Steel Bridge Display Judging (BDS)

4:00pm-5:00pm: T-Shirt Competition Judging (BDS)

4:30pm-5:00pm: Captains Meeting Session #2 (TBA)

- Concrete Canoe
- Surveying
- 3D Printing

5:00pm-7:00pm: Welcome Event, light refreshments
provided (BDS)

5:00pm-7:00pm: T-Shirt Competition Display Viewing (BDS)

5:00pm-7:00pm: Steel Bridge Display Viewing (BDS)

7:15pm-8:30pm: Quiz Bowl Competition (SERC 1013)

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FRIDAY MARCH 13TH

- 7:00am-8:00am:** Concrete Canoe Display Set-Up
- 8:00am-9:00am:** Concrete Canoe Display Judging
- 8:00am-9:30am:** Surveying Competition Rotation #1
- 8:00am-3:00pm:** Prestress Mini Beam Construction (TBA)
- 9:00am-10:00am:** Concrete Canoe Swamp Test
- 9:00am-10:00am:** Mini Gulf Competition
- 10:00am-11:00am:** Concrete Canoe Women's Sprint
- 10:00am-11:30am:** Surveying Competition Rotation #2
- 10:00am-1:00pm:** Cornhole Competition
- 10:00am-1:00pm:** Tug of War Competition
- 11:00am-12:00pm:** Concrete Canoe Men's Sprint
- 11:30am-1:00pm:** Surveying Competition Rotation #3
- 12:00pm-1:00pm:** Concrete Canoe Co-Ed Sprint
- 1:00pm-4:00pm:** Equipment Rodeo Competition
- 1:00pm-4:00pm:** Muddy Waters Competition
- 1:00pm-2:00pm:** Lunch - Provided
- 2:00pm-3:30pm:** Concrete Canoe Women's Slalom
- 2:00pm-3:30pm:** Surveying Competition Rotation #4
- 3:30pm-5:00pm:** Concrete Canoe Men's Slalom
- 6:00pm-7:00pm:** Development Seminar #3 (SERC 1013)
- 6:00pm-7:00pm:** Business Meeting (SERC 1059)
- **7:00pm-9:00pm:** Networking Event, Dinner Provided
(Bryant Conference Center)

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SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

8:00am-4:00pm: Poster Displays for Sustainable Solutions, Surveying, 3D Printing, and Steel Bridge (HM Comer)

8:00am-2:30pm: Steel Bridge Competition (Parking Lot)

8:00am-12:00pm: Timber-Strong Competition (Parking Lot)

8:00am-10:30am: Construction Institute Competition (SERC 1014)

8:00am-12:00pm: 3D Printing Competition (HMC 1026)

8:00am-10:00am: All About That Phase Competition (SERC 3030)

9:00am-11:00am: Mini Beam Testing (SERC 1008)

9:00am-10:00am: Sustainable Solutions Poster Judging (HM Comer)

9:00am-3:00pm: Paper Competition presentations (SERC 1059)

10:00am-3:00pm: Concrete Canoe Presentations (SERC 1013)

10:00am-3:00pm: Sustainable Solutions Presentations (SERC 3030)

10:00am-3:00pm: Surveying Presentations (NERC 3000)

11:30am-2:00pm: Construction Institute Presentations (SERC 2014)

12:00pm-1:00pm: Lunch - Provided (TBA)

1:00pm-4:00pm: Will It Tornado Competition (Debris Cannon Lab)

1:00pm-4:00pm: Mystery Competition (TBA)

1:00pm-2:30pm: Balsa Wood Bridge Competition (SERC 2009)

1:00pm-4:00pm: Cardboard Chair Competition (NERC Basement)

1:00pm-4:00pm: Geo-Wall Competition (SERC 1007/1009)

2:30pm-4:00pm: Balsa Wood Truss Competition (SERC 2009)

4:00pm: Scavenger Hunt due (HM Comer)

****6:30pm-9:00pm:** Awards Ceremony, Dinner Provided
(Bryant Conference Center)

COMPETITION & PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

To maximize student participation in the symposium, teams will be given as much flexibility as possible when building their schedules. Teams will have the opportunity to self-select time slots for society, pilot, and local competitions. By allowing more flexible scheduling, we aim to increase participation across the wide range of events offered throughout the weekend.

A read-only spreadsheet is provided below as a preview of the available competition time slots so teams may plan accordingly. Official registration for time slots will take place through Calendly links, which will be emailed to the same distribution list that received Mailer 2 on Monday, February 2nd at 8:00 AM CST. If your members of your team are not currently on this email list and would like to be added, please reach out to gcvaughan1@crimson.ua.edu.

Time slot registration will close on Friday, February 13th at 5:00 PM CST. Any teams that do not sign up for a time slot by the deadline will be randomly assigned to the remaining available slots. To ensure fairness, the preview spreadsheet does not allow editing access. Time slots must be claimed through the Calendly links once registration opens.

Our planning team will do our best to coordinate and minimize scheduling conflicts; however, we reserve the right to make adjustments as necessary to ensure the smooth execution of the symposium. A final competition schedule will be released with Mailer 3.

May the odds be ever in your favor!

[Click Here for Time Slot Preview](#)

SYMPOSIUM COMMUNICATION

Clear and timely communication is essential to the success and safety of the ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium. With hundreds of students, faculty, judges, and volunteers participating across multiple venues and competitions, it is critical that all attendees share an understanding of how information will be distributed before and during the event.

To support this, the symposium will utilize GroupMe as its primary communication platform:

- Main Announcements GroupMe
 - All registered participants are expected to join the main announcements GroupMe. This group will be used for official symposium-wide updates, including schedule changes, weather or safety notices, venue updates, and other critical information. This channel is especially important in the event of emergencies or time-sensitive announcements.
- Competition-Specific GroupMe Chats
 - Each competition will have its own dedicated GroupMe. These groups will serve as a forum for:
 - Competition-specific updates and reminders
 - Clarifications on rules, logistics, or schedule adjustments
 - Direct communication between teams, symposium leadership, and judges
- Participants are strongly encouraged to join the GroupMe(s) for the competition(s) they are registered for to ensure they receive all relevant information.

In addition to GroupMe, participants should follow the symposium's Instagram account, @ASCEGulfCoast2026, where reminders, highlights, and select updates will also be shared throughout the weekend.

More detailed information regarding the symposium communication plan, including GroupMe links, expectations for use, and emergency communication procedures, will be released with Mailer 3 and included in the Symposium Safety Packet. All participants are expected to review this information prior to arrival.

Inappropriate language, as well as bullying, or harassment of any kind, will not be tolerated. Any individual who violates this policy will be removed immediately from the GroupMe, and the team's faculty advisor will be notified, as well as ASCE Nationals.

BUSINESS MEETING

Eligibility Requirement

The Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 13th, 2026 at 6pm. A draft business meeting agenda that will be distributed with Mailer 3, and chapters will have 1 week to submit any additional items to the agenda. A finalized schedule will be released one week before the symposium begins.

The business meeting is the annual meeting for the Student Conference Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates consists of two student delegates (preferably a senior or junior in an ASCE leadership position and a sophomore in or aspiring to an ASCE leadership position) and the faculty advisor from each student chapter.

The draft agenda will include such items as any unresolved discussion topics from the 2025 Business Meeting, the host rotation, new business, discussion of the Conference Policy and Procedures document as needed, and other topics specific to the ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium.

Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and ASCE. Each student chapter in the Student Conference has one vote. **At least one member of your ASCE student chapter must participate in the Business Meeting as part of the eligibility requirements to advance to finals for Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, and Surveying.**

[CLICK HERE FOR ASCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS](#)

STUDENT SYMPOSIUM PAPER COMPETITION

The ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition emphasizes the importance of being able to write and present a paper as essential communication skills for all engineers and often necessary for advancement in your career. The competition consists of a paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium. The topic for the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic – [Click here for topic](#).

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email/link is: <https://forms.gle/aBY6TJoxBcdebbvXA>

Rubric: [Click here for the 2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition Rubric](#)

Time Limit for Presentations: 5 minutes per presentation + 5 minutes for Q&A

***All papers must have a statement at the bottom attesting that, except where otherwise cited, the submission is the work of the student author and not AI or NLP. Submissions without this statement will not be considered for recognition.*

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2026, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. A separate submission to ASCE is not required for the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Competition, as the student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official national winner announced in May 2026.

SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions and the SSBC National Finals. Competitions requiring participation include:

- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition,
- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition,
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition, and
- AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition.

Note: Any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition

DEADLINES

We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.

* Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium. *

2026 Deadlines

ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!

Statement of Intent & Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements Form due from each team intending to compete in a Society-wide or Society Pilot Competition – Concrete Canoe, Student Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, Surveying, Construction Institute, Timber-Strong, and 3D Printing.

One form is required for each competition and **must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor**. The online form* must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each entity will submit a separate form.

* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules. Concrete Canoe forms submitted after November 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm Eastern will be considered late submissions and subject to deduction.

January 5 by 4:00 p.m., Central Time - Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the [ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site](#)

January 15th - Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter

January 30th by 4:00 p.m., Central Time - Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.

February 1st by 10:59 p.m., Central Time - ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. (More information on Annual Reports can be found [here](#). If you have questions on your Annual Report, email student@asce.org). Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an [eligibility requirement](#) to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the [eligibility requirements](#) for details.

February 1st by 10:59 p.m., Central Time - ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an [eligibility requirement](#) to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the [eligibility requirements](#) for details.

February 2nd at 8:00 a.m., Central Time - Time slot registration for Gulf Coast Competitions will be released to the Mailer 2 email list. See page 8 for details.

February 3rd - ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due. Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.

February 11th - Hotel Capstone discounted reservation deadline.

February 12th by 4:00 p.m., Central Time - Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. (Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)

DEADLINES

We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.

* Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium. *

2026 Deadlines

- **February 13th at 5:00 p.m., Central Time** - Time slot registration for Gulf Coast Competitions will be released to the Mailer 2 email list. See page 8 for details.
- **February 15th** - Attendee Registration is due
- **February 18th** - Fairfield by Marriott discounted reservation deadline
- **February 19th** - Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter
- **February 19th** - Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
- **February 20th** - Timber-Strong Design Build Phase 1A & 1B Project deliverables are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)
- **February 23rd by 4:00 p.m., Central Time** - Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
- **February 26th** - Final Date for Late Registrations
- **February 28th** - Volunteer Registration is due
- **March 1st** - Student Symposium Paper Due (See submission instructions on page 11).
- **March 1st** - The Alamite discounted reservation deadline
- **March 1st** - Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter
- **March 6th** - Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)
- **March 7th** - Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)
- **March 12th - March 14th** - 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

Competitions that advance to an **ASCE Society-Wide Finals** competition include the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, and ASCE UESI Surveying Competition. The AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition advances to the SSBC National Finals and follows the eligibility requirements below. See [SSBC Rules](#) for more information.

The purpose of student competitions is to provide student members career-enrichment opportunities to gain **hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills**. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase the **engineering and professional skills** of student teams. As such, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the Society-wide finals competitions/ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in sanctions, disqualifications, and loss of invitations. Please note that the requirements for eligibility for Society-wide finals competitions are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.

Eligibility for Student Symposium Competition

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, **no later than the start of their Student Symposium**.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form **no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST**.

Eligibility for ASCE Society-wide Finals Competition

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to advance to the ASCE Society-wide Finals Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's **full Annual Report, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST**, and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100. **Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify** to advance to competition finals; and
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
 - a. On-time attendance and active participation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.
 - b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to student@asce.org.

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Statement of Intent and Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements must be filled out for EACH ASCE Competition by both the team captain and faculty advisor to compete. Please click the links below to fill out the intent form for the competitions your chapter plans to compete in.

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition

Statement of Intent

Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in mid-February to the team captain.

ASCE UESI Surveying Competition

Statement of Intent

Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the topographic mapping project. ASCE will send links in early February to the team captain.

AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition

Statement of Intent

Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive your SSBC stipend.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition

Submission of Proposal and Qualifications Package

Please visit the [2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules](#) to review the required forms and submission information.

PILOT COMPETITIONS

ASCE Construction Institute Competition

Statement of Intent

Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the project deliverables.

Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition

Statement of Intent

Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in early February.

ASCE 3D Printing Competition

Statement of Intent

Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.

LOCAL COMPETITIONS

We are excited to present 16 local competitions at the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium! We would like to ask all chapters to **re-submit** the local competition intent form below. This will be extremely helpful for planning so we can verify what competitions each chapter will participate in.

If your team later decides not to participate in a competition you previously selected, please email uaasce@ua.edu to update your response.

All competition rules are posted on the [website](#).

Please confirm your participation in local competitions via email if you haven't already done so. Elena Evans has reached out to each chapter.

ASCE Geo-Wall Competition

Design an MSE wall using the least amount of reinforcement needed to support the retained soil and the designed surcharge loads.

Will It Tornado?

Student will design a concrete panel to survive the impact of a 2x4 traveling at 150 MPH.

PCI Prestress Mini-Beam

Design and construct a precast, prestressed concrete beam using bass guitar strings in place of traditional seven-wire steel strands. Cast and test the beam.

Balsa Wood Bridge

Design and construct a lightweight bridge using the provided balsa wood and adhesive, following strict dimension limits, to carry the maximum possible load until failure.

All About That Phase

Design an intersection timing plan for a complicated campus location. Update your plan mid-competition given an unexpected change.

Cardboard Chair

Construct a cardboard chair using the least material possible to support 200 lbs within the specified time constraints. Submit a technical drawing of your original design.

Muddy Waters

Each team will pre-construct a homemade water filter system inside of a two-liter bottle. Items that function solely to treat or purify water will not be allowed in the competition.

Balsa Wood Truss

Design and construct a lightweight truss from provided balsa wood and strings, meet strict wood material limits, and hold as much load as possible until failure.

T-Shirt Competition

Design and create an original T-shirt that showcases creativity and school spirit, following the specified design guidelines.

Equipment Rodeo

Operate various pieces of construction equipment to complete a task.

Quiz Bowl

Answer a variety of civil engineering themed questions. Topics will vary, challenging teams to think like they're taking the ultimate FE exam.

Mini "Golf"

Construct a modular mini golf hole out of recycled or repurposed materials.

Scavenger Hunt

Navigate Tuscaloosa using principles of transportation and urban design! Discover some of our favorite structures as you analyze routes, landmarks, and infrastructure on your way to a successful hunt.

Tug of War

Put your understanding of static equilibrium to the test! Teams will apply opposing tensions along the rope, using friction and optimizing distribution of forces to overcome $\sum F=0$.

Cornhole

Are you sure you understand dynamics? In this projectile motion bracket tournament, you'll need achieve the perfect angle and velocity to achieve the perfect launch.

Mystery

Solve a surprise challenge revealed, testing creativity, adaptability, and teamwork under time constraints.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The following hotels have reserved room blocks for the symposium - book early to secure your stay before space runs out! Attendees and chapters are responsible for making their own reservations and paying for their own accommodations.

We are also thrilled to announce a partnership with Visit Tuscaloosa. Through this collaboration, we look forward to sharing some of our favorite spots in T-Town and helping you make the most of your time here.

1. Hotel Indigo

111 Greensboro Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Group Name – 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast

Reservation link coming soon - call to book.

(877) 270-1392

Space to park trailers at adjacent parking lot.

2. Hampton Inn

600 Harper Lee Dr.

Group Name – 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast

Group Code – CHH90Y

Rate – \$112 per night

Booking link – [CLICK HERE](#)

Last Day to Book: 2/25/2026

4. Hotel Capstone

320 Paul W Bryant Dr.

Group Name – ASCE Gulf Coast Student
Symposium

Rate – \$129 per night

Booking link – [CLICK HERE](#)

Last day to book – 2/11/2026

3. Fairfield by Marriott

4104 Courtney Drive

Group Name – ASCE Gulf Coast

Group Code – ASC

Rate – \$114 per night

Booking link – [CLICK HERE](#)

Last Day to Book: 2/18/2026

5. The Alamite

321 6th St.

Group Name – 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast
Student Symposium

Rate – \$149 per night

Booking link – [CLICK HERE](#)

Last day to book – 3/1/2026

YOUR TO-DO LIST

Thank you for carefully reading Mailer 2! See below for a summarized list of deliverables. Reach out to gcvaughan1@crimson.ua.edu or uaasce@ua.edu with questions.

Mailer 2 Receipt (Due Jan 30)

Individual Registration Form (Due Feb 15)

Individual Registration Payment: Check or Credit Card
(Due Feb 15)

Sign up for competition time slots (Feb 1st - 14th)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

If you or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring the 2026 ASCE Gulf Coast Symposium, please reach out to uaasce@ua.edu for more details. Sponsorship offers a meaningful way to support student engineers, gain visibility within the civil engineering community, and connect with future leaders of the profession.

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