

Mailer 2 - Individual Registration & Symposium Information
2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium
Hosted by Tennessee Tech
April 9 – April 11, 2026



January 15, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Mid-South Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Mid-South 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,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Business Meeting,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition,
- ASCE Society Competition information,
- Local competition information,
- Tentative Symposium Schedule,
- Tentative Presentation Schedule,
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- Hotel information, and
- Thank you to our sponsors!



*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment Form by Jan. 31, 2026.
Please note the individual registration deadline is February 23, 2026.*

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 Mid-South Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Finn Hounshell
President, ASCE Student Chapter
Tennessee Tech University

Daniel R. VandenBerge, P.E.
Chair, 2025 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth/
General symposium email address	ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu
Instagram	tntech_asce

Individual Registration Form & Payment

STEP 1 - Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form - **required**

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due no later than **Jan. 31, 2026**.

Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form Link – <https://forms.gle/HVAwYjrPFcgfiELW7>

STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form - **required**

Individual Registration Form is due before February 23, 2026.

Please visit our symposium website at [Individual Registration - Mid-South](#) to register for the 2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium.

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.

STEP 3 - Individual Registration Payment - **required**

Individual Registration is \$65 per person. Registration form and payment are due by February 23, 2026.

Preferably make a single payment per chapter using one of two methods:

1. **Make check payable to: Tennessee Tech ASCE**

Attn: Ms. Donna Walls
Tennessee Tech
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Box 5015
Cookeville, TN, 38505

Include a list of the individuals for whom you are paying with the check

2. **Pay using Venmo**

Venmo your registration payment to: @ASCE-TNTECH
https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3367415488446464502&created=1759538166

Send a list of the individuals for whom you are paying to ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium, please email ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu

Important Upcoming Deadlines

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

2026 DEADLINES

<p>ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>One form is required for each competition and must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. <u>The online form* must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each entity will submit a separate form.</u></i></p> <p><i>* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules. <u>Concrete Canoe forms submitted after November 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm Eastern will be considered late submissions and subject to deduction.</u></i></p> <p><u>There is still time to complete a Statement of Intent Form to compete in an ASCE Society Competition!</u></p> <p>Statement of Intent to compete for Steel Bridge <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p>Statement of Intent to compete for Surveying <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p>Statement of Intent to compete for Sustainable Solutions <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p>Statement of Intent to compete for Timber-Strong <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p>Statement of Intent to compete for Construction Institute <i>(must be completed by the team captain & the faculty advisor separately)</i></p>
<p>January 5, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time</p>	<p>Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site.</p>
<p>January 15</p>	<p>Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.</p>
<p>January 31</p>	<p>Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.</p>
<p>February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time</p>	<p>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). <i>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.</i></p>
<p>February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time</p>	<p>ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. <i>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.</i></p>

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February 3	ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due. <i>Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.</i>
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. <i>(Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)</i>
February 20 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase 1A & 1B Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
February 23 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>
February 23 (postmarked by)	Attendee Registration is due.
March 1 (11:59 p.m. Central Time)	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu
March 6 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
March 15	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 15 (postmarked by)	Volunteer Registration is due
March 16	Hotel Reservations Cut-off
March 16	Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>
March 26	Final Date for Late Registrations
March 29	Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.
April 3	Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
April 9-11	2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium
Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.	

Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 8 pm. Watch for the draft business meeting agenda that will be distributed via email to student chapters for review before the symposium.

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 Mid-South Student Conference.

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 Mid-South 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: ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu

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

Time Limit for Presentations: 5 minutes

****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.**

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 Mid-South 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.

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 with 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.

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

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

Tentative Symposium Schedule *(subject to change)*

Subject to Change				
Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Locations
April 9	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Registration and Grab-n-Go Dinner	AIEB
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Captains' meetings: Concrete Canoe, Construction and UESI Surveying	AIEB
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Business Meeting	AIEB
April 10	6:00 AM	10:00 AM	Concrete Canoe: unloading, swamp testing, & display judging	Cane Creek Park
	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	Late Registration	AIEB
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Surveying field tasks	Cane Creek Park
	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Races	Cane Creek Park
	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Park clean-up or service event	Cane Creek Park
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Geo-Bucket competition	Cane Creek Park
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch	Cane Creek Park
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Frisbee Golf Tournament	Cane Creek Park
	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Construction Institute Competition	AIEB
	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Steel Bridge: unload & captains' meeting	AIEB
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Sustainable and Timber-Strong captains' meeting	AIEB
	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Surveying plan display, Sustainable posters, Steel bridge aesthetics, T-shirt	AIEB
	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Dinner and Social Events	AIEB
April 11	6:00 AM	3:00 PM	Steel Bridge competition	Memorial Gym
	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Presentations: Canoe, Surveying, Mead, Sustainable	AIEB
	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Timber-Strong competition	AIEB
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Transportation, Environmental, and Styrofoam Beam competitions	AIEB and Memorial Gym
	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	Lunch	TTU Cafeteria
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	CEE Scavenger Hunt	TTU Campus
	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	Roaden University Center
Tennessee Tech Locations: AIEB = Ashraf Islam Engineering Building, Memorial Gym, Cafeteria, Roaden University Center				

Tentative Presentation Schedules

Student Symposium Paper Presentations Saturday, April 11

School	Timeslot
University of Arkansas – Little Rock	8:00-8:15 am
University of Memphis	8:15-8:30 am
Lipscomb University	8:30-8:45 am
University of Tennessee – Martin	8:45-9:00 am
Break	9:00-9:15 am
Harding University	9:15-9:30 am
Tennessee Tech University	9:30-9:45 am
University of Tennessee – Chattanooga	9:45-10:00 am
Lincoln Memorial University	10:00-10:15 am
Tennessee State University	10:15-10:30 am
Break	10:30-10:45 am
Christian Brothers University	10:45-11:00 am
University of Arkansas	11:00-11:15 am
Vanderbilt University	11:15-11:30 am
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	11:30-11:45 am
Arkansas State University	11:45-12:00 pm

Surveying Presentations Saturday, April 11

School	Timeslot
Lincoln Memorial University	8:00-8:15 am
Harding University	8:15-8:30 am
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	8:30-8:45 am
Tennessee Tech University	8:45-9:00 am
Break	9:00-9:15 am
University of Arkansas	9:15-9:30 am
Christian Brothers University	9:30-9:45 am
Vanderbilt University	9:45-10:00 am
Arkansas State University	10:00-10:15 am
University of Tennessee – Chattanooga	10:15-10:30 am
Break	10:30-10:45 am
Lipscomb University	10:45-11:00 am
University of Memphis	11:00-11:15 am

Tentative Presentation Schedules continued....

Concrete Canoe Presentations Saturday, April 11

School	Timeslot
Tennessee State University	8:00-8:20 am
University of Tennessee – Chattanooga	8:20-8:40 am
University of Arkansas	8:40-9:00 am
Break	9:00-9:20 am
Arkansas State University	9:20-9:40 am
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	9:40-10:00 am
Tennessee Tech University	10:00-10:20 am
Vanderbilt University	10:20-10:40 am
Break	10:40-11:00 am
University of Tennessee – Martin	11:00-11:20 am
Lipscomb University	11:20-11:40 am
University of Arkansas – Little Rock	11:40-12:00 pm

Sustainable Solutions Presentations Saturday, April 11

School	Timeslot
Arkansas State University	8:00-8:20 am
Vanderbilt University	8:20-8:40 am
Christian Brothers University	8:40-9:00 am
Break	9:00-9:20 am
University of Arkansas – Little Rock	9:20-9:40 am
University of Memphis	9:40-10:00 am
University of Arkansas	10:00-10:20 am
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	10:20-10:40 am
Break	10:40-11:00 am
Tennessee Tech University	11:00-11:20 am
University of Tennessee – Chattanooga	11:20-11:40 am

Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE MID-SOUTH STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Society-wide Competitions

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition



ASCE UESI Surveying Competition



AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition



ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition

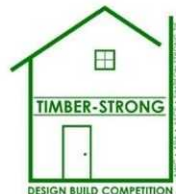


Society Pilot Competitions

ASCE Construction Institute Competition



ASCE Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition



Local Competition Information

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE MID-SOUTH STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Student Symposium Paper Competition] <i>Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals</i>	T-Shirt Design (presented April 10)	Frisbee Golf Tournament (April 10)	Geo-Bucket Competition (April 10) (no preparation required)
Environmental Competition (April 11) (minimal preparation required)	Transportation Competition (April 11) (no preparation required)	CEE Scavenger Hunt (April 11) (no preparation required)	Styrofoam Beam Competition (April 11)

Local Competition rules: <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth/competitions/>

Please indicate your chapter's intended participation with the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment.

Geo-Bucket Competition (4/10): Challenge your teamwork, creativity, and grasp of general engineering principles. Groups of up to three will compete for the highest score in this geotechnical event focusing on reinforced soil. No prior geotechnical knowledge is required; perfect for freshmen and sophomores!

Frisbee Golf Tournament (4/10): A nine-hole frisbee golf tournament will be held at Cane Creek Park, which is the location of the ASCE Concrete Canoe and the ASCE UESI Surveying competitions. Participants will be required to provide their own discs. Scores will be recorded on the honor system.

T-Shirt Design (judged 4/10): Each school may present one T-Shirt at the symposium for judging. The T-Shirt must reflect or represent the 2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium (be unique to this year) in some way by permanent lettering, logo, etc. The design must be completed by ASCE member(s) with active membership.

Environmental Competition (4/11): Put your environmental engineering skills to the test! This competition will challenge teams to apply key water treatment processes such as coagulation, flocculation, settling, and filtration, to reduce turbidity in source water. Teams of 2–4 participants will work hands-on using the Phipps & Bird jar test setup, as well as design and build their own filtration system to reduce turbidity in water. While some prior knowledge of coagulation and filtration, and the use of jar test setup is helpful, freshmen and sophomores are strongly encouraged to join and learn. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience and kickstart your understanding of water treatment processes!

Transportation Competition (4/11): Each team will compete in a transportation themed challenge. No prior knowledge of transportation engineering is required; perfect for freshmen and sophomores!

Styrofoam Beam Competition (4/11): Groups of two to four will compete in this structural engineering event. Each team will construct and test a Styrofoam beam, seeking to optimize weight, stiffness, load capacity, and construction time. Knowledge of structural engineering is not required; perfect for freshmen and sophomores!

CEE Scavenger Hunt (4/11): Each school's team will explore Tennessee Tech's campus to find a list of items related to civil and environmental engineering.

Hotel Information

Suggested hotels and rates are listed below. Speak with the listed contact person and mention the ASCE Student Symposium for the listed rate. Please reserve before March 16, 2026. *Attendees are responsible for booking and covering the cost of their own reservations. This is not included in the registration fees.*

For more information on lodging, visit the Cookeville-Putnam County Visitor's Bureau - <https://www.visitcookevilletn.com>. 931-528-6391

Fairfield Inn & Suites

1200 Sams St, Cookeville, TN 38506

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bnack-fairfield-inn-and-suites-cookeville/overview/>

Contact: Liz Bradley - 931-854-1050

Rate: \$105/night

Towne Place Suites

1250 Sams St, Cookeville, TN 38506

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bnavi-towneplace-suites-cookeville/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Contact: Liz Bradley - 931-548-0950

Rate: \$112/night

Candlewood Suites

1161 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506

https://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/cookeville/cjesj/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps- -CW- -US- -CJESJ

Contact: Susan - 931-208-4001

Rate: \$104/night

Country Inn & Suites

1151 South Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506

<https://www.choicehotels.com/tennessee/cookeville/country-inn-suites-hotels/tn412>

Contact: Lisa Dyer - 931-525-6668

Rate: TBD

Holiday Inn

1091 S. Willow Ave, Cookeville, TN 38501

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/cookeville/cjewa/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qSIH=cjewa&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=HI&qDest=1091%20South%20Willow%20Avenue%2C%20Cookeville%2C%20TN%2C%20US&srb_u=1

Contact: Monica Harnishchfeger - 931-559-4539

Rate: \$119 (3-night minimum stay)

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