

Mailer 3 - Final Symposium Information
2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium
Hosted by Tennessee Tech
April 9 – April 11, 2026



March 23, 2026

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

This is your **2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium** Mailer 3, the last 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:

- Mailer 3 Confirmation and registration reminders,
- Safety-first culture information,
- Competition safety information,
- Business Meeting information,
- Maps, directions, and parking information,
- Non-competition event information,
- Competition presentation and display information,
- Social network information,
- Final student symposium schedule,
- Final presentation schedules,
- Final deadlines,
- Society and local competition information,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE Society Competition eligibility requirements,
- Sponsor recognition, and
- Hotel information.

*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 3 Acknowledgment Form by March 29, 2026.
Please note the individual registration deadline was 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,

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Tennessee Tech University

Daniel R. VandenBerge, P.E.
Chair, 2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium

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

Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation & Registration

STEP 1 - Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation - *required*

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation due no later than March 29, 2026.

Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation Link – <https://forms.gle/aLM93i2Lnu9yxRN9g9>

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

STEP 2 – Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form - *required*

Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form was 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. Late registrations will be accepted up to April 2, 2026.

The Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form must be filled out by *ALL individuals* attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, faculty advisors and staff. The Student & Faculty 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.

*****Please note that judges and volunteers have a separate registration form that will be shared from the host university.***

STEP 3 – Student & Faculty Individual Registration Payment - *required*

Student & Faculty Individual Registration is \$65 per person. Registration form and payment were due by February 23, 2026.

- 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
 - 2. Pay using Venmo:** Venmo your registration payment to: @ASCE-TNTECH
https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3367415488446464502&created=1759538166
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If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium, please email ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu.

Safety-First Culture Information

ASCE and Tennessee Tech University are encouraging a Safety-First Culture during the student symposium. We encourage all symposium participants to embrace this concept by thinking about safety in their activities coming to, returning from, and while at our symposium. We want **every** symposium participant to return home safe and healthy.

To generate a Safety-First Culture, we have designated Liz Humphrey as our lead symposium safety officer. Liz will be assisted by a safety team consisting of Jeff Randolph, Samantha Travis, Josh Rowand, Chris Mills, and John Wagner. They will all be wearing high-viz yellow safety team shirts. All of these individuals are trained in first-aid. We will have first-aid tables at the park and in both major venues on campus. EMS will be on-site during the concrete canoe races.

What is a Safety Moment? A Safety Moment consists of a quick discussion on an activity-specific, site-specific, or general safety topic. The Safety Moment may be presented by the leader of an activity, the symposium safety officer, or a member of the host symposium planning team. We ask that all participants give their undivided attention to the Safety Moment discussion and embrace the safety-first concept.

If an injury does occur during the symposium, it should be reported to the competition head judge, symposium safety officer, or activity leader immediately so that appropriate action can be taken based on the injury. If it is a true emergency, please call 911 first.

Contact information for the symposium safety officer and key host school representatives is listed below. Please keep this list close during the symposium and we encourage you to program the symposium safety officer's phone number into your cell phone.

Symposium Safety Officer(s)

Liz Humphrey – 609-477-3330
ehumphrey@tntech.edu

Josh Rowand – 856-343-2405

Chris Mills – 931-252-5674

Host School Faculty Advisor(s)

Dan VandenBerge – 931-239-0695
dvandenberge@tntech.edu

Closest Hospital/Urgent Care

Cookeville Regional Medical Center

As a best practice, we strongly recommend that faculty advisors keep and maintain on-hand a list of emergency contact information for their university and participating students. ASCE and the student symposium host do not collect emergency contact information from registrants.

In the spirit of a Safety Moment, here are some safe driving habits to keep in mind as you travel to the student symposium:

- Driving at the speed limit has proven to save lives.
- Do not drive when tired. Swap drivers often.
- Minimum of two people awake at all times when wheels are rolling.
- Be aware of how larger/heavier vehicles behave when stopping or turning.
- Be aware of your surroundings when backing up any vehicle, especially trailers. Better yet, avoid backing up at all, if possible.
- Use a spotter to watch when you must back up a vehicle.
- Slow down when the conditions warrant (rain, snow, ice, fog, darkness, pedestrians nearby).
- Perform a circle of safety around your vehicle to identify what is in your blind spots.

Competition Safety Information

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition: Safety gear (closed-toe water shoes and Personal Floatation Device (life jacket)) for each paddler is the responsibility of each team. ([Exhibit 8: Race Regulations & Safety](#))

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Personal protective equipment is the responsibility of each team. During all construction activities, builders must wear hard hats and protective eyewear or safety goggles ([Section 10.1.6](#)). During all loading activities, competitors must wear hard hats, protective eyewear or safety goggles, work gloves, and steel toe or composite work boots that extend above the ankle. Steel or composite toe caps over leather work boots are acceptable. ([Section 11.2.1.3](#)). The hardhats must meet ANSI standard Z89.1, and the protective eyewear or safety goggles must meet ANSI standard Z87.1

Surveying Competition: Team members are responsible for providing their own required safety equipment including closed-toe shoes and safety-colored shirts or vests to participate in the field tasks. ([Section 6: Safety](#))

Timber-Strong Design Build Competition: [Section 5.4.3 Safety Gear](#) – Each team is responsible for bringing their own tools, safety gear, and personal protective equipment (PPE) including but not limited to construction hard hats, safety glasses, gloves (tips of gloves may not be cut off), closed-toed shoes, long pants, and safety vests or high-visibility shirts. Long hair needs to be tied back at the construction site. Please see [Section 5.4.3 Safety Gear](#) for information on power tools and [Section 4.5](#) for addition safety information.

Styrofoam Beam: Teams are responsible for providing their own PPE. Work gloves must be worn by participants if cutting Styrofoam during beam construction.

Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 3 to 4 pm in AIEB 130.

The draft business meeting agenda will be sent out early next week. If you have additional agenda items and/or motions that your student chapter would like to be included in the agenda, please submit them to ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu by April 2, 2026.

Note that the business meeting is officially the business 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. Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and the Society. 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](#)

Maps, Directions, and Parking Information

General Map of Cookeville and Vicinity



General Campus Map



Maps, Directions, and Parking Information

Parking Instructions

Parking permits are required on Tennessee Tech's campus on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Weekdays after 4:30 pm and on weekends parking is allowed without permit in any legal parking space.

Daytime Parking on Campus on Friday, April 10

When you arrive, you can either scan the QR code or enter the URL provided. Enter your license plate number, the issuing state, and the voucher code (ASCES), which is case sensitive. After submitting this information, you will receive an on-screen confirmation of your free parking permit, along with the expiration date. Please note that the permit is only valid for one day, so you will need to obtain the permit on Friday, April 10.



Parking URL:

https://tennesseetech.aimsparking.com/validate/index.php?cmd=add_patron_validation&vpassvalidationid=2&url=d4091ec7-68ab-4e19-a083-0e9c3446adc4

Bus and Trailer Parking on Campus

Buses, trucks, and trailers should plan to park in the Purple and Intramural parking lots that are on the west side of Willow Avenue across from campus. Buses and trucks should use the parking permit instructions above to obtain a permit if needed for Friday, April 10.

Additional Maps

More maps can be found on the Mid-South Student Symposium website:

<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth/maps/>

Non-Competition Event Information

Registration: April 9, 2026 from 4 to 8 pm at Ashraf Islam Engineering Building (AIEB), Room 104. Late registration will be available in the lobby of AIEB on April 10 and 11. Contact Ms. Donna Walls (931-303-7928) for help if not present. Buses should drop off students on the sidewalk on the north side of AIEB. On Friday and Saturday, temporary registration parking can be found along the south side of AIEB.

Grab-n-Go Dinner: April 9, 2026 from 4 to 8 pm in the AIEB Atrium. Dinner will be served to-go. Pick up after registration and take it with you. Or if you prefer, linger and eat together before returning to your hotel.

Optional Concert (non-ASCE sponsored): Tennessee Tech is hosting The Kid LAROI on April 9, 2026 starting at 7:30 pm. Non-TTU students can purchase tickets: <https://www.tntech.edu/engagement/solo.php>.

Cane Creek Park Geo-Locating Service Event: April 10, 2026 – 10 am to 2 pm at Cane Creek Park (Lakeview Shelter). Students will have the opportunity to serve the City of Cookeville by geo-locating park assets (e.g., park benches, trash cans, etc.) as well as potential engineering problems (e.g., erosion, asphalt distress, etc.). These will be used by the city to populate a GIS database for the park. Instructions will be provided when you arrive. Bring a mobile device to participate.

Social and Networking Event: April 10, 2026 from 5:30 to 8 pm the following events will be held:

- Sustainable Solutions posters (AIEB 148) UESI Topo Map displays, and Steel Bridge aesthetics (see next page)
- Sponsors will have information tables and representatives present to meet with students
- Dinner buffet will be served in the AIEB Atrium from 5:30 to 7 pm.
- Social event – civil engineering trivia in AIEB 130
- Social event – screening of ASCE's *Dream Big* movie in Stonecipher Auditoriums – Rooms 113 and 126 (5 minute walk on campus)

ASCE Information Table: April 10, 2026 - 5:30 to 8 pm and April 11, 2026 - 9 am to 2 pm. Stop by the table to learn more about ASCE. Come and meet your Region 4 Governor – Ashley Smith and her colleagues from ASCE in Nashville.

Faculty and Practitioner Advisor Social Times: April 10, 2026 at 7 pm in AIEB 104 and April 11, 2026 at 1 pm in the AIEB Atrium. Faculty and practitioner advisors, come and enjoy the company of your fellow advisors. No format or agenda; just take a few minutes to unwind after a busy day.

Business Meeting: April 11, 2026 – 3 to 4 pm in AIEB 130. By invitation only, see page 5.

Banquet/Awards Ceremony: April 11, 2026 – 7 to 10 pm in the Multipurpose Room on the 3rd floor of Tennessee Tech's Roaden University Center (1000 N Dixie Ave, Cookeville, TN 38505). Vans and cars can park in the inner campus lot to the southwest of the building. Buses can drop-off and pickup students along N. Dixie Ave. Campus police will have the right lane of the road closed off for bus and van access. Expected attire is Business to business casual. Dinner will be served starting at 7 pm, followed by the awards program.

Competition Presentation & Display Information

All Competitions: Each student team that presents is required to bring their digital presentation on a USB. Each presentation room has a dedicated computer station and projector equipment. A representative from EACH team must meet the competition coordinator in the designated room between 7:00 and 7:45 AM on April 11th to upload their presentation. Teams must provide any other desired equipment (e.g., laser pointer).

Please see the competition rules for full details. If there is a discrepancy between the rules and the information listed below, the competition rules are to be followed.

ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition:

Display: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the display portion of the competition. Display portion will occur on Friday (4/10) morning at Cane Creek Park ([Section 7: Prototype Display Requirements](#)).

Presentations: Concrete Canoe presentations will occur on Saturday (4/11) morning in AIEB 354.

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition:

Aesthetics Display: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the aesthetic display portion of the competition. The aesthetic displays will occur on Friday (4/10) evening ([Section 6.2.1](#)).

Livestream: The build and loading portions of the competition will be livestreamed on YouTube. Use the following link (also available on the Symposium website - https://youtube.com/live/7qRNtL_VqiE?feature=share).

Surveying Competition:

Topographic Map Display: It is the responsibility of each team to bring one (1) 24-inch by 36-inch paper copy set of the topographic mapping project to the symposium and give to the student symposium host at check-in, which will be used for public display at the student symposium ([Section 7.3, Paper Copy Submittals](#)). The sheets of the paper copy must match the electronic submission. (This copy is for the public display and does not replace the required online submission due on February 23, 2026, by 5:00 pm EST.)

- Teams may bring a standard 6 ft tablecloth displaying your school's name, logo, or chapter name for the Topo Map Display Session (*not required*). Teams will share a table with another school.
- Teams should plan to stay with their topo map public display to discuss their project with spectators.

Field Task Equipment: Please refer to [Appendix D, Equipment List, in the rules](#) for a full list of required items for the competition. All items must be supplied by each individual team at the symposium competition.

Sustainable Solutions:

Poster Session (4/10): We will provide the easel for the poster presentation of the Sustainable Solutions Competition. Teams will be expected to stay with their poster during the display to discuss their project with spectators.

Presentations (4/11): Presentations will be held in AIEB 244 on Saturday morning.

ASCE Construction Institute Competition: The competition will take place on Friday (4/10) afternoon in AIEB 130. All teams should come prepared with a laptop. Laptops or computers will not be provided at the competition. [Section 8:3](#) of the rules state: *Teams may bring reference materials, templates, laptops, and planning tools.*

Timber-Strong Design Build Competition: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the visual aid at the build site, as outlined in [Section 9.2 of the rules](#). You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

Student Symposium Paper Competition: See instructions above in red.

Social Network Information

GroupMe will be the main form of communication between schools before, during and after the symposium. The GroupMe can be accessed by following the link below.

https://groupme.com/join_group/113868590/13WSGQWO

Final Student Symposium Schedule

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
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	Cane Creek Geo-Locating 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
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	Faculty and Practitioner Advisor Social	AIEB 130
1:00 PM		3:00 PM	CEE Scavenger Hunt	TTU Campus
3:00 PM		4:00 PM	Business Meeting	AIEB 130
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

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

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

Final Presentation Schedules

The presentation order is finalized and cannot be changed. Each team is responsible for managing any conflicts with overlapping competitions prior to the symposium and onsite.

Student Symposium Paper Presentations – AIEB 361 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 – AIEB 249 (open only to presenting school) 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

Final Presentation Schedules

Concrete Canoe Presentations – AIEB 354 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 – AIEB 244 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

Competition Schedules

Concrete Canoe Drop-Off Times Friday, April 9	
School	Arrival / Drop-off Timeslot
University of Arkansas	6:15-6:30 am
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	
University of Tennessee – Martin	6:15-6:30 am
University of Arkansas – Little Rock	
University of Tennessee – Chattanooga	6:30-6:45 am
Tennessee Tech University	
Arkansas State University	6:45-7:00 am
Tennessee State University	
Lipscomb University	7:00-7:15 am
Vanderbilt University	

Timber-Strong Design Build Competition – AIEB Patio Saturday, April 11 (Starting at 8 am)	
Lane A	Lane B
1. University of Arkansas	1. Vanderbilt University
2. University of Tennessee – Knoxville	2. Harding University

Steel Bridge Competition Build and Loading Order - Memorial Gym Saturday, April 11 (Starting at 6 am)	
1. Tennessee Tech University	7. Lincoln Memorial University
2. Christian Brothers University	8. Lipscomb University
3. University of Tennessee – Knoxville	9. University of Tennessee – Martin
4. Harding University	10. University of Tennessee – Chattanooga
5. University of Arkansas	11. Vanderbilt University
6. University of Arkansas – Little Rock	12. Arkansas State University

Livestream: The build and loading portions of the competition will be livestreamed on YouTube. Use the following link (also available on the Symposium website - https://youtube.com/live/7qRnTL_VqiE?feature=share).

Final Deadlines

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

March 21	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 29	Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.
April 2	Final Date for Late Registration
April 3	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Three Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
April 3	Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals are to be uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
April 9 to 11	2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium

Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2025 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



Society competition rules can be found at:

<https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/rules>

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/>

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.

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: March 1, 2026**
 - *Papers submitted after the March 1st deadline will be accepted and permitted to present at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction and will not be eligible for consideration for the National Daniel W. Mead Prize for Student Competition, regardless of final placement at the student symposium. Late submissions may be subject to a deduction.*
- **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.**

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 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 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 Competition:

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 finals competition; 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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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)