

Mailer 2. - Individual Registration & Symposium Information
2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium
Hosted by South Dakota School of Mines
April 23 – April 25, 2026



January 19, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter, of the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain 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 January 29, 2026.

Please note the individual registration deadline is February 16, 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 Rocky Mountain Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Bailey Holloway
President, ASCE Student Chapter
South Dakota Mines

Lucas Ransen
Chair, 2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/rocky-mountain/
General symposium email address	2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/SDSMTASCE
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/sdsmt_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 **January 29, 2026**.

Mailer 2 Acknowledgement Form Link – <https://forms.gle/cBPChc2juuLtuumE9>

STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form - *required*

Individual Registration Form is due before February 16, 2026.

Please visit our symposium website at [Individual Registration - Rocky Mountain](#) to register for the 2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain 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 \$100 per person. Registration form and payment are due by February 16, 2026

Make check payable to: SDSM&T CARA - ASCE

South Dakota Mines Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement
Attn: ASCE Regionals
330 E Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium, please email 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.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, and Timber-Strong.</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 19</p>	<p>Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.</p>
<p>January 29</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 the information provided on intent forms.</i>
February 16	Attendee Registration is due.
February 16	(Tentative) Volunteer Registration is due
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. <i>(Upload to the 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>
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition submission due to 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.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 27	Final Date for Late Registrations
April 1	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
April 17	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>
March 20	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>
April 10	Mailer 3 Acknowledgement Form due from each student chapter.
April 23-25	<u>2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium</u>
	Note: Please see <u>competition rules</u> 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 Friday, April 24th, 2026 at 5:30pm. 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 Rocky Mountain 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.

Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition (Non-Technical Paper)

The topic for the **2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students** Topic – [click here for topic](#).

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email is: 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu

Subject: School Name Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition Submission

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

Time Limit for Presentations: 5-minute presentation with up to 5 minutes of 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 in Regions 1-9 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.

Student Symposium Paper Competition (Technical Paper)

The topic for the **2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition** will be left to each school. The technical paper should focus on a technical issue that is relevant to the field of civil engineering.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission email: 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu

Subject: School Name Student Symposium Paper Submission

Time Limit for Presentations: 5-minute presentation with up to 5 minutes of Q & A

If your chapter will NOT be participating in EITHER of the 2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium paper competitions, please email 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu

*******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 Rocky Mountain 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.

Tentative Symposium Schedule *(subject to change)*

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

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

Key
Concrete Canoe
Steel Bridge
Timber Strong
Sustainable Solutions
Non-Tech Paper
Provided Meals
Survey
Tech Paper
Registration and Company Booths

Thursday, April 23	South Dakota Mines Campus		
	Nucor Mineral Industries Building		
5:00 PM	Registration 5:00 to 7:00		
5:30 PM			
6:00 PM			
6:30 PM		Dinner 6:00 to 8:00	
7:00 PM			Mystery Design 7:00 to 8:00
7:30 PM			
8:00 PM			

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Friday, April 24	The Monument Bartlett Field House							
7:00 AM	Bridge/Canoe/ Timber Drop Off 7:00 to 9:00							
7:30 AM								
8:00 AM						Late Registration 8:00 to 9:00		
8:30 AM		Bridge Set Up 8:30 to 9:30	Bridge Judge's Meeting 8:30 to 9:00					
9:00 AM			Bridge Captain's Meeting 9:00 to 9:30	TSDB Judge's Meeting 9:00 to 9:30	Canoe Judge's Meeting 9:00 to 9:30	Sponsorship Booths 9:00 to 5:00		
9:30 AM	Bridge Aesthetics Judging 9:30 to 10:30		TSDB Captain's Meeting 9:30 to 10:00	Canoe Captain's Meeting 9:30 to 10:00				
10:00 AM	Bridge Construction 10:30 to 4:30		Timber Strong Design Build 10:00 to 2:00	Concrete Canoe Display 10:00 to 12:30				
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Friday, April 24	The Monument							
	Lacroix A	Lacroix B	Lacroix C	Lacroix D	TBD			
7:00 AM								
7:30 AM								
8:00 AM	Tech Paper Judge's Meeting 8:00 to 8:30			Open Study Room 8:00 to 5:00				
8:30 AM	Symposium (Technical) Paper Presentations 8:30 to 10:30	Const. Inst. Judges Meeting 8:30 to 9:00			Sustainable Solutions Poster Voting 8:30 to 11:00	Surveying Topo Maps Display 8:30 to 10:30		
9:00 AM		Const. Inst. Captains Meeting 9:00 to 9:30						
9:30 AM		Construction Institute Competition 9:30 to 12:30	Survey Judge's Meeting 9:30 to 10:00					
10:00 AM			Survey Captains Meeting 10:00 to 10:30					
10:30 AM			Survey Presentations 10:30 to 12:00					
11:00 AM								
11:30 AM	SS Judge's meeting 11:30 to 12:00							
12:00 PM	SS Captains meeting 12:00 to 12:30							
12:30 PM	Sustainable Solutions Presentations 12:30 to 2:00		Open Study Room 12:00 to 5:00				Survey Competition 12:30 to 4:30	
1:00 PM								
1:30 PM								
2:00 PM								
2:30 PM	Mead Paper Judges Meeting 2:30 to 3:00	Concrete Canoe Presentations 2:00 to 3:40						
3:00 PM	Mead (Non Tech) Paper Presentations 3:00 to 5:00							
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5:00 PM	Business Meeting 5:00 to 6:00							
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Saturday, April 25	Angustora Reservoir	South Dakota Mines Campus
		Frasier Gym
8:00 AM	Canoe Drop off 8:00 to 9:00	
8:30 AM		
9:00 AM	Swamp 9:00 to 10:00	
9:30 AM		
10:00 AM	Canoe Races 10:00 to 3:00	
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6:30 PM		Awards Banquet 6:30 to 8:30
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8:00 PM		
8:30 PM		

Tentative Presentation Schedules

Student Symposium Paper Presentation (Technical Paper)	
Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
South Dakota School of Mines	8:30
Colorado State University	8:40
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	8:50
New Mexico State University	9:00
Colorado School of Mines	9:10
Judge's Break	9:20
United States Air Force Academy	9:30
University of Colorado at Boulder	9:40
University of New Mexico	9:50
University of Wyoming	10:00
University of Colorado Denver	10:10

Surveying Presentation	
Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Colorado School of Mines	10:30
Colorado State University	10:40
New Mexico State University	11:00
South Dakota School of Mines	11:15
University of Colorado at Boulder	11:30
University of Wyoming	11:45

Sustainable Solutions Presentations	
Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Colorado School of Mines	12:30
Colorado State University	12:45
South Dakota School of Mines	1:00
University of Colorado at Boulder	1:15

Concrete Canoe Presentations Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Colorado School of Mines	2:00
Colorado State University	2:15
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	2:30
New Mexico State University	2:45
South Dakota School of Mines	3:00
Judge's Break	3:15
United States Air Force Academy	3:30
University of Colorado at Boulder	3:45
University of New Mexico	4:00
University of Wyoming	4:15

Timber Strong Design Build Competition Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
South Dakota School of Mines	TBD
Colorado School of Mines	TBD
Colorado State University	TBD
University of Colorado at Boulder	TBD
University of New Mexico	TBD
South Dakota State University	TBD
Guest University	TBD

AISC Student Steel Bridge Competition Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
University of Colorado Denver	TBD
Colorado State University	TBD
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	TBD
Colorado School of Mines	TBD
Judge's Break	TBD
United States Air Force Academy	TBD
University of New Mexico	TBD
University of Wyoming	TBD
South Dakota School of Mines	TBD

Daniel Mead Paper (Non-technical Paper) Date: Friday, April 24	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Colorado School of Mines	3:00
Colorado State University	3:10
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	3:20
New Mexico State University	3:30
South Dakota School of Mines	3:40
Judge's Break	3:50
United States Air Force Academy	4:00
University of Colorado at Boulder	4:10
University of New Mexico	4:20
University of Wyoming	4:30
University of Colorado Denver	4:40

Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE ROCKY MOUNTAIN 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 ROCKY MOUNTAIN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- Student Symposium Paper Competition
 - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions and SSBC National Finals*
 - *Topics for the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium Technical Paper will be left to each school. The technical paper should focus on a technical issue that is relevant to the field of civil engineering.*
- Mystery Design
 - Student competition that is typically sponsored by a company. No preparation is needed—show up and have fun!

Local Competition rules can be found on our website at
<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/rocky-mountain/>

Hotel Information

Please note that South Dakota Mines will NOT be booking blocks of rooms for the competition; these are just hotels in the area.

Howard Johnson By Wyndham Downtown Rapid City

950 North St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Distance from *The Monument*: 0.84 Miles

Distance from South Dakota Mines Campus: 2.44 Miles

Hotel Alex Johnson Rapid City, Curio Collection by Hilton

523 6th St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Distance from *The Monument*: 0.67 Miles

Distance from South Dakota Mines Campus: 1.41 Miles

Double Tree by Hilton Rapid City Downtown Convention Center

505 N. 5th St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Distance from *The Monument*: 0.00 Miles

Distance from South Dakota Mines Campus: 1.30 Miles

The Rushmore Hotel and Suites, BW Premier Collection

445 Mt Rushmore Rd,

Rapid City, SD 57701

Distance from *The Monument*: 0.81 Miles

Distance from South Dakota Mines Campus: 1.69 Miles

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La Quinta Inn and Suites by Wyndham at WaTiki Waterpark

1416 N Elk Vale Rd,

Rapid City, SD 57703

Distance from *The Monument*: 5.03 Miles

Distance from South Dakota Mines Campus: 4.28 Miles

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