

Mailer 3 - Final Symposium Information
2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium
Hosted by Old Dominion University
April 9th – April 11th, 2026



March 20, 2026

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Virginias Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Virginias 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 27th, 2026**.
Please note the individual registration deadline was **March 6th, 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 Virginias Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Hunter Knox

President, ASCE Student Chapter & Chair, 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium
Old Dominion University

ASCE Student Symposium website	olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com
General symposium email address	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/

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 27th, 2026**.

Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation Link – <https://forms.gle/wkno3Au6V51tKJT87>

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

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

Student & Faculty Individual Registration Form was due on March 6th; however, individual registration is still open if you missed that deadline.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/> to register for the 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium. While the registration due date has passed, you are still welcome to register for the symposium. There are no extra fees for late registration.

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 \$75 per person. Registration forms and payment were due on March 6th. If you or your chapter have not submitted payment, there are no late fees.

Make check payable to ODU ASCE Student Chapter
Attn: Dr. Gary Schafran
135 Kaufman Hall
Norfolk, Virginia, 23529

If your chapter is not participating in the 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium, please email olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com

If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium, please email olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com

Safety-First Culture Information

ASCE and Old Dominion 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 **Terry Legg** as our symposium lead safety officer. Further, be on the lookout for safety information at or in advance of the symposium, such as the location of first-aid supplies, who in the crowd has first-aid training and Safety Moments.

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)

Name – **Terry Legg (Lead)**, Shannon Turner, and Donald Piron

Email – tlegg.1950@gmail.com, sturner@moffattnichol.com, and DPiron@vb.gov

Host School Faculty Advisor

Name – Gary Schafran

Email – gschafra@odu.edu

Closest Hospital/Urgent Care

April 9th & 10th:

Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, 1060 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454.

April 11th:

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, 600 Gresham Drive, Norfolk, Virginia 23507

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](#))

Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))

The Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 10th, 2026, at 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront – False Cape Room.

The draft business meeting agenda is attached to the Mailer 3 email. 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 Hunter Knox at hknox001@odu.edu by March 27th.

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.

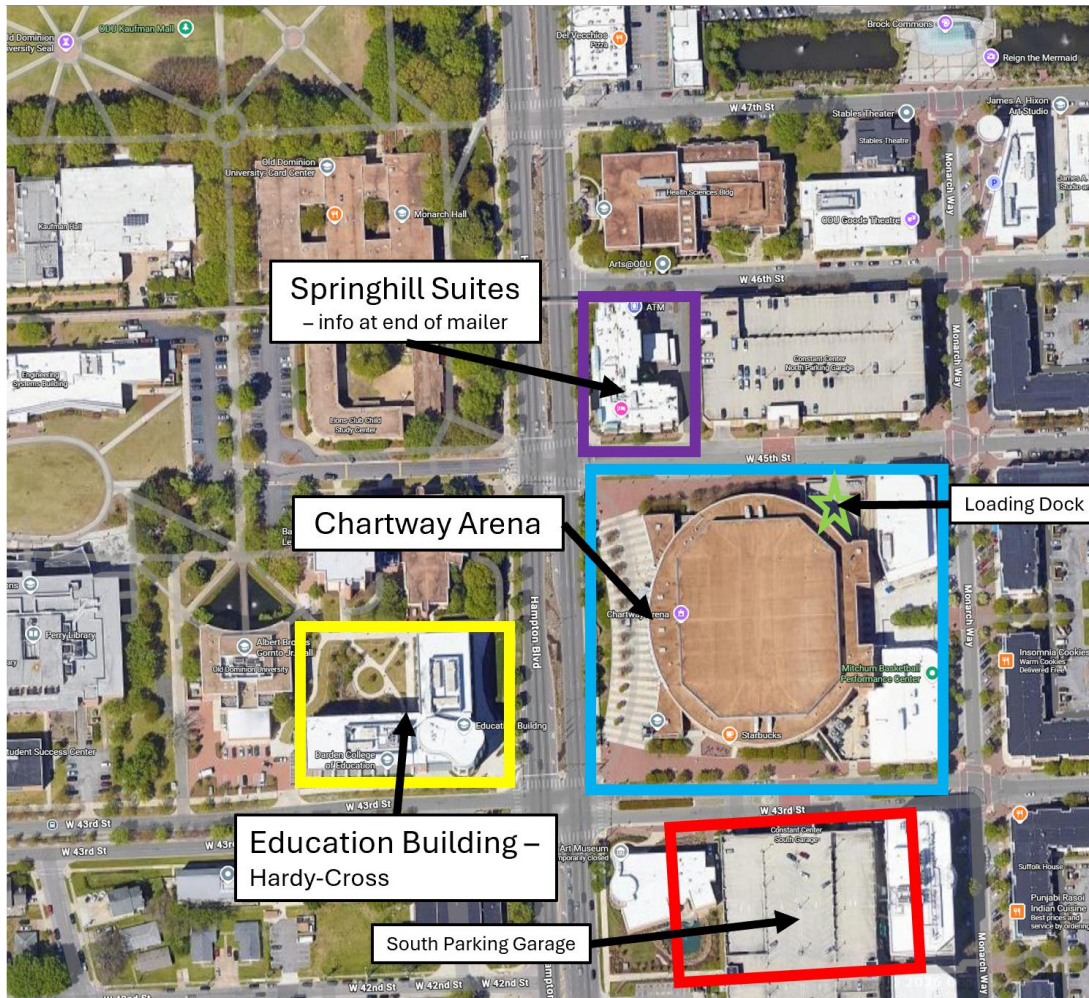
[Click here for ASCE Eligibility Requirements](#)

Maps, Directions, and Parking Information

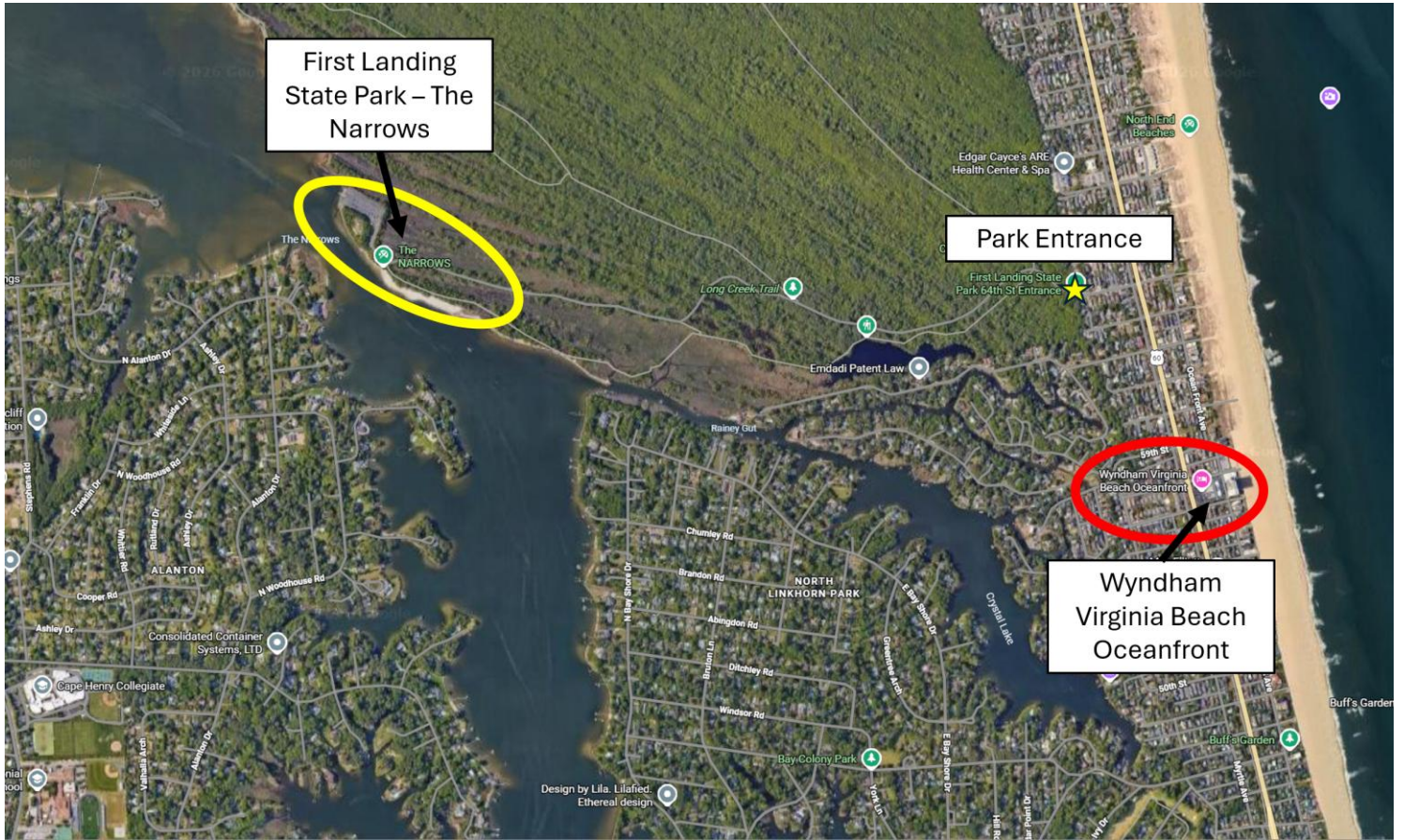
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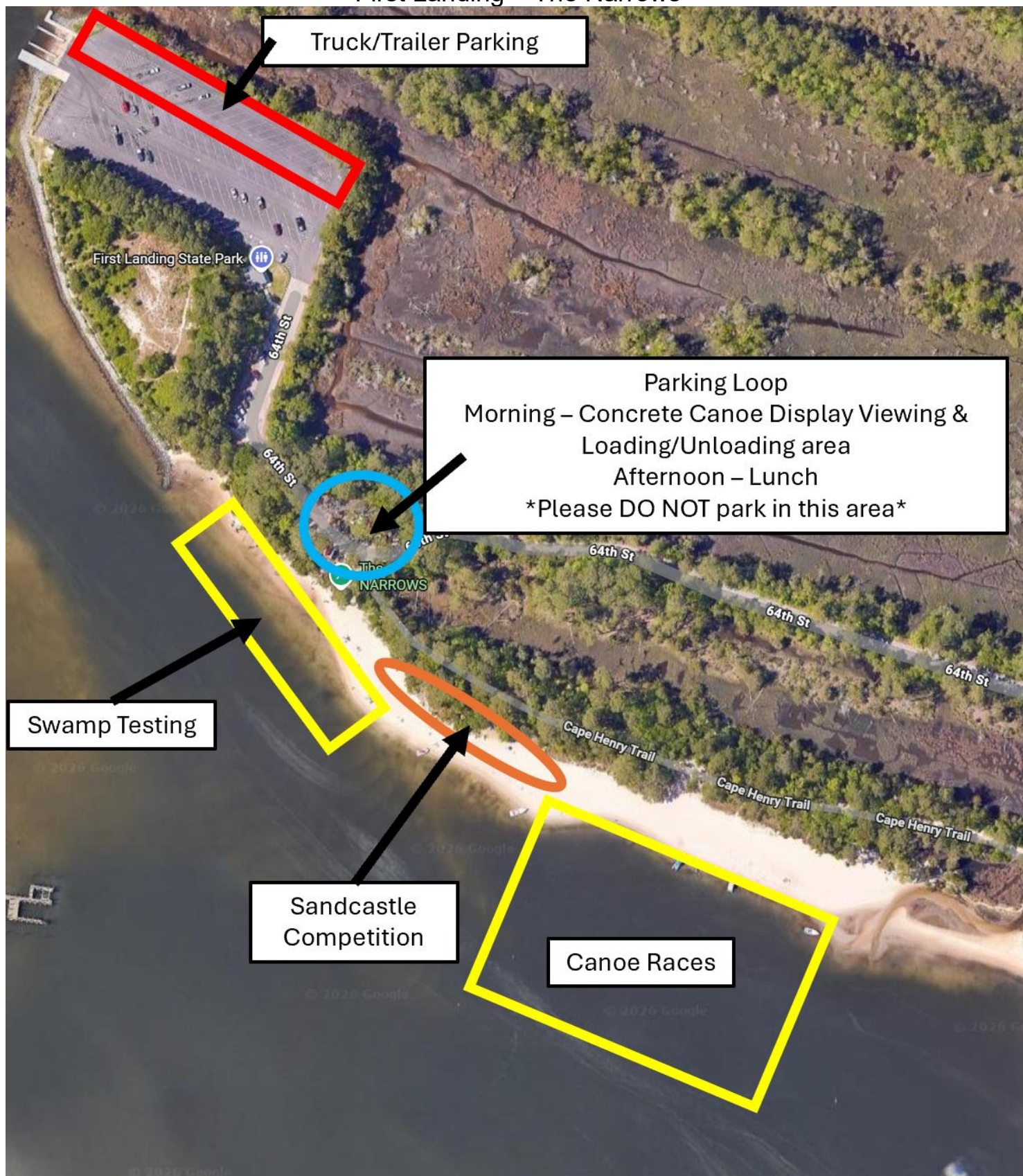
Chartway Arena



First Landing & Wyndham Overview



First Landing – The Narrows



Travel Safety Message:

Friendly reminder to everyone traveling to the event: please drive safely and give yourself plenty of time to get there. Pay attention to the road, follow traffic laws, and don't rush. Your safety is more important than arriving a few minutes early. We look forward to seeing you when you arrive, have a safe journey!

Exercise caution when driving in the construction zones surrounding the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and along the I64 expansion between Richmond and Hampton Roads, especially when driving trucks or trailers.

Addresses and Parking Information:

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront: 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

- There will be areas designated for trailer/truck parking. Please do not park these vehicles in the parking garage.

First Landing State Park – The Narrows: Cape Henry Trail, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

- Park Entrance: 225 64th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451
- Parking Info: Just after the entrance to the park, there is a station where parking passes will be distributed. When entering the park, say you are attending the ASCE Virginias Symposium and you will be given a parking pass. ***There is limited parking at the park, please carpool as you are able.***

Chartway Arena: 4320 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, Virginia 23529

- Parking is free on weekends in the Constant Center (Chartway) South Parking Garage, which is indicated on the maps above.
 - o South Garage: 1067 W 43rd Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23508
- Please use the loading dock on W 45th Street for loading/unloading of Steel Bridge materials/equipment. Do not park any trucks or trailers in this area.

Springhill Suites Marriott Norfolk: 4500 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, Virginia 23508

- See hotel information at the end of this Mailer

Lamberts Point Public Open Space: 4301 Powhatan Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23508

- Parking in Lot 43, directly adjacent to Lamberts Point, is free on weekends. Please be mindful of parking spots with signs indicating two-hour parking.
 - o Lot 43: 1600 W 43rd Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23508

ODU Education Building (Darden College of Education): 1226 W 43rd Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23508

- Exact room to be announced.

Non-Competition Event Information

Welcome & Registration (Check-in): April 9th, 2026, from 3pm-5pm at Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront: 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Welcoming Remarks: April 9th, 2026, at 6:30pm. At the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront: 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Career Fair: April 11th, 2026, from 9am-12pm. Visit and learn about job opportunities and internship opportunities offered by our symposium sponsors at Chartway Arena: 4320 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, Virginia 23529

ASCE Information Table: April 11th, 2026, from 9am-2:30pm at Chartway Arena. Stop by the table to learn more about ASCE from the ASCE Norfolk Branch members

Banquet: April 10th, 2026 at 7pm. At the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront: 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451. The dress code is business casual.

Business Meeting: April 10th, 2026, at 5:30pm. By invitation only, see page 5 for details.

Awards Ceremony: April 11th, 2026, at 3pm at Chartway Arena.

Competition Presentation & Display Information

All Competitions: Each student team that presents is required to bring their digital presentation on a USB. The host will provide projector equipment. Please note that some locations may not have WIFI available, be prepared to present without it if needed.

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: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the display portion of the competition. ([Section 7: Prototype Display Requirements](#)).

AISC ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Teams are responsible for providing all necessary materials for the aesthetic display portion of the competition. ([Section 6.2.1](#))

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 are encouraged to bring a standard 6ft tablecloth displaying your school's name, logo, or chapter name for the Topo Map Display Session (*not required*).
- 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: Teams will be responsible for providing their own easel for the poster presentation. You can find standard 63" poster board easels online. Easel [Example](#).

ASCE Construction Institute Competition: 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.*

Student Symposium Paper Competition (Hardy-Cross): The ODU Education Building presentation setup will allow students to connect their laptop to the projector in the room. There are outlets available if needed.

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 or scanning the provided QR code.

Join Link: https://groupme.com/join_group/113745353/UuGHtuu2



Final Student Symposium Schedule

Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

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

Event	Time		Location
	Start	End	
Thursday, April 9th			
Welcome and Registration (Check-in)	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Atlantic Foyer
ASCE Concrete Canoe Captains Meeting	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - James Room
Social Event	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - York Room
Welcome Remarks	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - York Room
ASCE Concrete Canoe Presentations	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - James Room
Friday, April 10th			
Breakfast	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	First Landing State Park - The Narrows
ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition	7:30 AM	4:30 PM	First Landing State Park - The Narrows
ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Check-in & Captains Meeting	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	The Narrows - Parking Loop

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ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Aesthetics and Swamp Testing	7:45 AM	10:15 AM	The Narrows Beach
ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Display Viewing	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	The Narrows - Parking Loop
ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Course Presentation & Safety	10:15 AM	10:30 AM	The Narrows Beach
ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition Races	10:30 AM	4:30 PM	The Narrows Beach
ASCE Sustainable Solutions Captains Meetings	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Rappahannock Room
ASCE Sustainable Solutions Presentations	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Rappahannock Room
Civil Problem-Solving Competition	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - James Room
Sandcastle Competition	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	The Narrows - Beach
ASCE UESI Surveying Captains Meeting	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - York Room
Lunch	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	First Landing State Park – Parking Loop
AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Captains Meeting	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Rappahannock Room
Water Resources Competition	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - James Room
ASCE UESI Surveying Presentations	1:00 PM	2:50 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - York Room
AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Aesthetics Judging	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Parking Lot

Business Meeting	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - False Cape Room
Banquet	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Atlantic Ballroom
Saturday, April 11th			
Breakfast	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Chartway Arena - Right Big Blue Room
ASCE UESI Surveying Field Tasks	7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Lamberts Point Public Open Space
AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition - Check in	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Chartway Arena
AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition	8:00 AM	2:30 PM	Chartway Arena
ASCE Construction Institute Competition - Captains Meeting	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Chartway Arena - Left Big Blue Room
Geotechnical Competition Captains Meeting	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Chartway Arena - Entrance Foyer
Hardy Cross Oratory Competition	8:30 AM	1:00 PM	Education Building (Darden College of Education) - Room
ASCE Construction Institute Competition	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	Chartway Arena - Left Big Blue Room
ASCE UESI Surveying & ASCE Sustainable Solutions - Poster & Map Viewing	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Chartway Arena - Hall
Career Fair	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Chartway Arena - Center Big Blue Room
Geotechnical Competition	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Chartway Arena - Entrance Foyer

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Lunch	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Chartway Arena - Right Big Blue Room
Awards	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Chartway Arena - Big Blue Room

Final Presentation Schedules

Presentation schedules are final and it is the responsibility of each team to manage any conflicts with overlapping competitions and presentation times.

Student Symposium Paper Presentations (Hardy-Cross) Date: Saturday, April 11th from 8:30AM-1PM	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Fairmont State University	8:30 AM
Liberty University	8:55 AM
Marshall University	9:20 AM
Old Dominion University	9:45 AM
Virginia Military Institute	10:10 AM
Break	10:35 AM
West Virginia University	10:45 AM
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	11:10 AM
West Virginia University Institute of Technology	11:35 AM
James Madison University	12:00 PM
University of Virginia	12:25 PM

Sustainable Solutions Presentations Date: Friday, April 10th, 9:30AM-11:30AM	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Marshall University	9:30 AM
Virginia Military Institute	10:00 AM
Fairmont State University	10:30 AM
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	11:00 AM

Concrete Canoe Presentations	
Date: Thursday, April 9th, 7-10PM	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	7:00 PM
Virginia Military Institute	7:15 PM
West Virginia University	7:30 PM
Liberty University	7:45 PM
Marshall University	8:00 PM
Break	8:15 PM
Miller School	8:30 PM
Fairmont State University	8:45 PM
West Virginia University Institute of Technology	9:00 PM
Old Dominion University	9:15 PM
University of Virginia	9:30 PM

Surveying Presentations	
Date: Friday, April 10th, 1-2:50 PM	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Virginia Military Institute	1:00 PM
University of Virginia	1:10 PM
James Madison University	1:20 PM
Liberty University	1:30 PM
Marshall University	1:40 PM
Break	1:50 PM
West Virginia University Institute of Technology	2:00 PM
Fairmont State University	2:10 PM
West Virginia University	2:20 PM
Bluefield State University	2:30 PM
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	2:40 PM

Final Deadlines

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

March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to smatin@asceva.org
March 19	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 20	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 21	Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Hotel Reservations Cut-off (For room block rate)
March 27	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
April 9	Final Date for Late Registrations (You can register on site during Symposium Check-in)
April 9-11	2025 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium

Society Competition Information

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2025 ASCE VIRGINIAS 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



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 VIRGINIAS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Student Symposium Paper Competition] <i>Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals</i>	Sandcastle Competition <i>Rules Updated on 3/19! Check the website (linked below) to see the updated rules.</i>	Water Resources Competition	Geotechnical Competition (Geo-Wall)
Civil-Problem Solving Competition			

Local Competition rules can be found on our website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/competitions/>

(Scroll to bottom of page)

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 the Marr Technical Paper submission and Hardy Cross Oratory presentation at the student symposium.

Please note that any papers submitted after the deadline will be subject to deductions.

The Marr Technical Paper Competition: The topic for the Marr Technical Paper Competition is a Civil Engineering topic of the competitors' choosing. Students will research a Civil Engineering topic of their choosing and prepare a technical paper. The Marr Competition paper is due March 1, 2026, and submitted to Shaikh Matin via email.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission link: smatin@asceva.org (Submission can only be done via email)

Competition Rules can be found [here!](#)

The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition: The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition topic is a Civil Engineering topic of the competitors choosing. Students will research a Civil Engineering topic of their choosing. Then, at the conference, each competing student will give a presentation about his or her chosen topic. The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition topic is due March 1, 2026, and submitted to Shaikh Matin via email.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission link: smatin@asceva.org (Submission can only be done via email)

Competition Rules can be found [here!](#)

Please reach out to Shaikh Matin (smatin@asceva.org) with any questions.

****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.**

*******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 Virginia 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.

Thank you to our sponsors!

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Hotel Information

Springhill Suites Old Dominion University-Norfolk: 4500 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23508

Rooms are available to book at a 20% discounted rate. Simply call the hotel and ask for the ODU Parent/Alumni rate, as you will be attending an event at Chartway Arena, you will be eligible for this rate. Events occur at Chartway Arena on Saturday, April 11th, this is right across the street from the hotel.

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront: 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Events will be held at the hotel on Friday, April 10th, and in the evening on Thursday, April 9th. The hotel is a 7-minute drive to The Narrows at First Landing State Park, which is the location of the Concrete Canoe competition. A room block is available until **March 21st** for a rate of \$149 plus \$7.42 in taxes per night. Please use the following link to book, the group code is already applied. [LINK](#)