

News of UPS Battery Center SOLAR SPLASH[®] 2023

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Registration Date is Approaching

The <u>Entry Form</u> for the competition is found on the website. The Entry Fee covers the opening night dinner, lunches Tuesday through Saturday for all participants, and an afternoon ice cream treat each day. The early fee is \$900 if you get your Entry Form in by Tuesday, **January 17, 2023**, and pay no later than February 28, 2023. Entry forms received after January 17, 2023, will pay the full \$1200 entry fee, which is due when the entry form is submitted, and both must be received no later than April 15, 2023. Entering the competition by submitting the Entry Form is a commitment to pay the entry fee and participate in the event.

Are You Preparing for 2023? Keep Us In the Know!

If you're planning to enter in 2023, send us an email now so we can get the contacts between us firmly in place and get your team listed on the webpage as a SOLAR SPLASH 2023 competitor. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

<u>Splash Headquarters Address and Contact Point is:</u> Dr. Jeffrey Morehouse 309 Newridge Road Lexington, SC, USA 29072 tel: 803-920-9231 email: <u>hq@solarsplash.com</u>

Rules for 2023

Official <u>Rules for SOLAR SPLASH 2023</u> are posted on the website. All teams are responsible for reading and understanding ALL the Rules. If you have questions, be sure to send your questions to <u>hq@solarsplash.com</u> for clarification.

Wanted: Social Media Coordinator

SOLAR SPLASH is still in need of a person with a very particular set of skills. We need someone comfortable with website maintenance using WordPress and proficiency in using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Video editing skills are a plus.

If you would like to become part of the SOLAR SPLASH team and have a fancy title like Social Media Coordinator, or if you know of someone who does, please contact Headquarters and let us know about your abilities and interest.

Major Dates/Deadlines for This Year:

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023: Last date for "Early Registration" (getting the Entry Form in!) at the lower \$900 Entry Fee. After this date the Entry Fee is \$1200.
- Tuesday, February 28, 2023: Early Registration \$900 Entry Fees due.
- Saturday, April 15, 2023: Last date for receipt of the Entry Form to register for SOLAR SPLASH 2023, and last date to pay the \$1200 Entry Fee.
- Monday, May 1, 2023: Last date to submit the Technical Report without a points penalty.
- Tuesday, May 30, 2023: Video presentation submissions due by 5 pm EDT.
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023: First day of the Competition. Registration opens at 8:00 am, and the "Skippers' Swim Test" requires each team's Skippers to be onsite for the test about 1:30 pm.
- Wednesday, June 7, 2023: Innovation Award submissions due, noon Eastern Time.

Opportunity to Help Support SOLAR SPLASH!

As 2022 comes to an end and you are considering your charitable contributions, please remember SOLAR SPLASH in your giving. Your <u>gifts to SOLAR SPLASH</u> help us to provide a unique educational opportunity for today's engineering students as one former participant described:

"Solar Splash played a significant role in my development as an engineer. For one thing, the challenge of competing with other engineering schools to win Solar Splash gave me a chance to improve my engineering abilities in many ways. ... I enjoyed being at the competition, working through challenges, meeting other engineering students, and winning the competition. Without a doubt my growth as an engineer during my senior year would not have been the same if Solar Splash had not challenged me to do my best to stay ahead of the competition, allowed me to meet others in my field, and helped me to build an attractive resume."

We have a limited offer from a donor to match new donations which will double the impact of your contributions. Please consider <u>supporting the 2023 SOLAR SPLASH</u> <u>competition</u>! On behalf of the SOLAR SPLASH students, we thank you for your consideration and your support.

Solar Splash, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization so your contributions may be tax deductible.