

News of UPS Battery Center SOLAR SPLASH® 2025

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Registration Date is Approaching

The Entry Form 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 14, 2025**, and pay no later than February 28, 2025. Entry forms received after January 14, 2025, 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, 2025. Entering the competition by submitting the Entry Form is a commitment to pay the entry fee and participate in the event.

Dates for the 2025 Event

The dates for SOLAR SPLASH 2025 will be Tuesday through Saturday, June 3-7, 2025. The venue will once again be Champions Park Lake at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio. Reserve the dates on your calendar now!

Springfield is located in the southern part of Ohio, about 20 miles east of the Dayton airport on I-70. You can see a travel map, the site location, and other travel information by clicking on the "<u>Travel and site information</u>" link on the Splash website menu at www.solarsplash.com.

Rules for 2025

The Rules are posted on the website as a PDF file and in a booklet-printable PDF form as well. There are no major changes from the 2024 Rules. Returning teams as well as rookie teams are responsible for reading and following the Rules carefully. If your team has any questions regarding the Rules, contact Headquarters by email at HQ@solarsplash.com.

Opportunity to Help Support SOLAR SPLASH!

As 2024 comes to an end and you are considering your charitable contributions, please remember SOLAR SPLASH in your giving. Your gifts to SOLAR SPLASH 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 are in the process of getting bids for new docks for the event. We strive to keep our expenses low to keep the event affordable for teams, but occasionally we have to make some capital expenditures. The new docks will add a measure of safety to the event and should serve SOLAR SPLASH teams for many years to come.

Please consider <u>making a financial gift to support the 2025 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.

Major Dates/Deadlines for This Year:

- Tuesday, January 14, 2025: Last date for "Early Registration" (getting the Entry Form in!) at the lower \$900 Entry Fee. After this date the Entry Fee is \$1200.
- Friday, February 28, 2025: Early Registration \$900 Entry Fees due.
- Tuesday, April 15, 2025: Last date for receipt of the Entry Form to register for SOLAR SPLASH 2025, and last day to pay the \$1200 Entry Fee.
- Monday, April 28, 2025: Last date to submit the Technical Report without a points penalty.
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025: Video presentation submissions due by 5 pm Eastern Time.
- Tuesday, June 3, 2025: First day of the Competition. Registration opens at 8:00 am, and all teams must be on-site and registered by noon.
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025: Innovation Award submissions due, noon Eastern Time.