

Greetings from sunny Arizona!

Congratulations to your students for winning their state championship and earning the right to represent their state at the **2019 MESA National Engineering Design Competition**. Arizona MESA is excited to host all of competitors, their guests, and MESA colleagues from around the nation. This year's event will take place from June 19-21, 2019 on the campus of The University of Arizona in Tucson.

In order to assist you in your preparations to attend we have put together a list of important information for you, followed by the family and guest registration form. If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at 520.626.2300 or [azmesa@email.arizona.edu](mailto:azmesa@email.arizona.edu).

See you soon!

- The Arizona MESA Team

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### **Information and Agenda:**

Information and an agenda for the National Competition will be available on the Arizona MESA website at <https://azmesa.arizona.edu/mesa-usa-national-engineering-design-competition>.

### **Code of Conduct:**

Although we know that our competitors are deeply invested in their projects we must remember that we are gathered in the "spirit of competition" to celebrate and support the mission of MESA and the future successes of our students. This event is an opportunity to embrace the work of all competitors to connect and learn from each other. However, in order to successfully facilitate the competition we must implement the following guidelines:

- The NEDC Rules committee and volunteer judges have authority to make all decisions regarding the facilitation of the competition.
- Decisions made by the committee and judges are final.
- Once a final decision is rendered, a student who attempts exhibits uncivil behavior about a decision, will be immediately disqualified from the event and scoring penalties may be assessed.
- Complaints may not be investigated nor will a ruling be changed once the MESA National Engineering Design Competition is complete.

There will be situations where students have questions about their designs that are related to the judging process. This is a wonderful opportunity for learning to occur and if approached appropriately, the judges will be asked to spend time with the students for discussion and design recommendations. In these cases, students should follow the guidelines below.

- Discussion and design questions should occur immediately after your performance and should pertain only to their project. Students should understand that judges may have other responsibilities that may limit their meeting time.
- Only the student competitor(s) can approach the judge for questions and feedback. Parents, other students, and MESA advisors should allow the student competitor(s) and judge(s) to conduct their discussion without interruption.

If you have questions or need clarification about this policy, please contact us at [azmesa@email.arizona.edu](mailto:azmesa@email.arizona.edu). On behalf of MESA, thank you for your contributions, and we look forward to an exciting MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition!

### **Arrival and Departure:**

- Each state delegation is comprised of the State Executive Director, National Rules Committee member, MESA Advisors/Chaperones, and student teams.
- State delegations are expected to arrive between 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm PDT on Tuesday, June 18. Dorm check-in will begin at 2:00 pm. and end at 10:00 pm.
- State delegation are expected to departure on Saturday, June 22. Dorm check-out will begin at 8:00 am and end by 12:00 pm.

**Airport Information** – All teams should plan on flying in and out of Tucson International Airport (TIA). TIA is approximately 8.5 miles from The University of Arizona campus.

**Airport Transportation** - Arizona MESA will provide airport shuttles for our state delegations. Airport shuttles are not guaranteed for our guests but we will do our best to accommodate family and guests that are traveling with the delegation.

**Dormitory Information** – Student competitors will be staying in the Arizona-Sonora Residence Hall (910 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street). All guest/family members are required to be escorted by a guest at all times. Non-guest visitors are not permitted beyond the front desk of any residence hall without an escort.

**Chaperones** -

MESA Advisors are required to serve as chaperones for their respective team members at all times.

**Weather** – Tucson lies within the Sonoran Desert. During June, the average daytime temperature is 100° and very dry. Mid-June is also the beginning of our Monsoon season so afternoon and evening Thunderstorms are a possibility. It is recommended that attendees ensure that they bring comfortable cool clothing, good walking shoes, sunglasses, and a hat or umbrella to help shade you from the sun. Drinking water regularly is extremely important in the desert and it is recommended that you carry a water bottle at all times. You are encouraged to check the weather reports a couple of days before your arrive and pack appropriately.

**Photos/Video** – Please be aware that by attending the MESA National Engineering Design Competition, you consent to the Arizona Board of Regents, on behalf of the University of Arizona and its agents or employees, MESA and its partners, to use photographs, videos, or digitally recorded images (collectively “images”) taken during the event, for use in University publications such as recruiting brochures, newsletters, and magazines, and to use such images on display boards, or electronic versions of the same publications, or on websites or other electronic forms or media, and to offer them for use or distribution in other non-University publications, electronic or otherwise, without notifying me.

You waive any right to inspect or approve the finished images or printed or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the images.

You agree to release and hold harmless the Arizona Board of Regents, on behalf of the University of Arizona and its agents or employees, MESA and its partners, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product in whole or in part, whether on paper or via electronic media, from and against any claims, damages, or liability arising from or related to the use of the images, including but not limited to any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in taking, processing, reduction, or production of the finished product, its publication or distribution.

DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING.

**Contact Information for Arizona MESA**

Rudy McCormick (Director) – (520) 808-1812

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Bill Pike (Coordinator) – (520) 481-4856

**Family and Guest Registration  
Deadline – Monday, June 3, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Minor Family Members or Guests attending with you (First and Last Names):

School Supporting: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Supporting: \_\_\_\_\_ MESA State: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Need Airport Transportation?**

Yes, arrival only       Yes, departure only       Yes, both arrival and departure       No

• If Yes for arrival, arrival date, time, and airline: \_\_\_\_\_

• If Yes for departure, departure date, time, and airline: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Allergies/Restrictions:

**Are you interested in participating in the following National Competition Activities/Meals:**

Description	Cost per Person	Persons	Subtotal
<b>Wednesday, June 19</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Breakfast	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Trip to Biosphere (includes Admission, Tour, and Lunch)	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus Transportation to and from Biosphere	\$15		
<b>Thursday, June 20</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast, June 20	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pitch Presentations (no additional charge)	\$0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch, June 20	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top Golf Outing (includes dinner and 2 hours at driving range), June 20	\$40		
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus Transportation to and from	\$15		
<b>Friday, June 21</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards Presentation	\$0		
<b>MESA National Competition Mementos</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawstring Backpack	\$5		
<input type="checkbox"/> Program	\$5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$170</b>		

**Forms and Fees are due by Monday, June 3, 2019  
These costs are not Tax Deductible.**

Make money orders, checks or purchase orders payable to: UA Foundation - Early Academic Outreach

Send Payments to:

Office of Early Academic Outreach  
Attn: Arizona MESA  
PO Box 210158  
The University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ 85721-0158

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