



WERC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CONTEST 2026 REGISTRATION and TEAM SITE GUIDE

CONTACT INFORMATION

- For issues with the Team Site: <https://www.competitionssciences.org/contact-us/>
- werc@nmsu.edu or gscarbro@nmsu.edu: Our email addresses. Please contact us if you have questions.
- 575.646.8171 (office): Program Manager (Ginger Scarbrough).
- 575.312.7623 (cell): Program Manager (Ginger Scarbrough). Call any time, including after hours.
- <https://werc.nmsu.edu>: Our website. Find FAQs, published tasks, and general information.
- The WERC Team Site is your connection to the contest for:
 - Registration and payment
 - Report submissions (Preliminary Report, ESP, Written Report)
 - Scores and judges' comments. View team scoring results after the contest.
 - Team site: <https://www.competitionssciences.org/competitions/werc-26/>

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REGISTRATION FEES AND POLICIES

Teams can be of any size. Fees are based on the date of registration, the number of teams registered under the same advisor, and the number of people per team (Advisors + Co-Advisors + Team Leaders + Students).

- Refer to the table below for team fees, discounts for early registration, discounts, and fees for additional members per team.
- Payment. The Advisor will pay by credit card through the [WERC Team Site](#). Contact us to make other payment arrangements (werc@nmsu.edu)
- Registration fees will not be refunded, except for unavoidable circumstances. In that case, the team will be reimbursed for the fees paid minus the team's portion of expenses incurred at the point they exit the contest, including the cost of materials ordered for your team and the cost to ship items to your team, if applicable.
- More details are on the [registration fee page](#) of our website.

Registration Date	First Team Fee (base fee for up to 6 people on the team)	Additional teams under same Advisor (base fee for up to 5 people per team)	Fee per additional person on the team (above the base number)
Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2025	\$980	\$880	\$170
Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2026	\$1080	\$980	\$170
Feb 1 – Feb 15, 2026	\$1200	\$1100	\$170
IEEE Discount*	\$50		

*If at least one member of a team is an IEEE member, that team will receive a \$50 discount. Please encourage your students to join as well, since IEEE sponsors the WERC IEEE Conference and publication in *Xplore*. A student membership is only \$32. [Join IEEE](#).

GOOGLE FORM

The registration system does not accommodate some of the information we need from each participant. Therefore, WERC will send each registrant a separate form (such as a Google form) to gather the additional information we need. These include:

- **Meals:** WERC provides to all teams, advisors, and judges a Welcome Dinner on Sunday evening, lunch on Monday and Tuesday, a Taco Bar on Tuesday evening, and an Awards Banquet on Wednesday.
 - ✦ Dietary preferences and restrictions: Please note that our caterer serves only chicken, beef, cheese, and vegan dishes at the contest. We never serve pork.
 - ✦ If we are able to accommodate your needs, we will email instructions for working with our caterers during the contest.
 - ✦ If we cannot safely accommodate your dietary restrictions, you will need to arrange your own meals in Las Cruces. We will notify those affected. Your safety is our top priority, but some dietary requirements (e.g., Halal, Kosher, or severe allergies) may exceed our caterer's capabilities.
- **T-shirt size** (for everyone) and **Jacket size** (for Advisors).
- **Demographic information, year in school, plans after graduation.**
- **A survey of student confidence, skills, etc.**
- **Emergency contact information:** Make sure this is up to date when you arrive at the contest.
- **Media Release.** You give permission for WERC to post your image or name in photos, videos, and news releases.

TEAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

Register your team here: <https://www.competitionsscience.org/competitions/werc-2026/>

Visit the [ICS Contact Us page](#) if you encounter any issues with your registration.

Create Account:

1. **Sign Up for an account** . Provide name, email, username, confirm age (13+), and agree to ICS terms. You must be logged in to register for the contest.
2. **Select the Basic (Free) account.**

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☐ Student ☐ Parent ☒ Educator ☐ Other

Select Educator

Complete Information & click Next

First Name

Last Name

Email

Login Username

Next

- **Keep track of the number of teams you are going to register:** First team and additional teams.
- **Keep track of the number of people on each team.** Please enter "Additional Team Members" if any of your teams have more than 5 students or co-advisors on them. You, as the Advisor, will be the sixth person on the First team.
- **Once you click on First Team**, you do not need to return to this page to add more teams or more members.

Registration

First Team : \$980

Additional Team : \$880

Additional Team Members : \$170

Click here to upgrade to a Premium account!

Contact

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werc@nmsu.edu
575-646-8171

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View My Teams

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- New Screen: Use dropdown to select **First Team, Additional Team, or Additional Member** [1]. You can stay in this region until all team members are accounted for. Come back any time to add more team members.
- The fee schedule is explained at the bottom of the page [2].

[View Cart](#)

WERC Registration



\$170.00 - \$980.00

Registration First Team ▼

Type Clear

First Team

\$980.00

[Add to cart](#)

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[Pay with link](#)

Pay in 4 interest-free payments of \$42.50 with [PayPal](#). [Learn more](#)

SKU: N/A Category: [Competition](#)

Description

Additional information

Description

Registration Fees:

- **First Team: \$980.** Includes one Advisor and up to 5 participants (students or co-advisors)
- **Additional Teams (same advisor): \$880** per team for up to 5 participants (students or co-advisors). Do not include the Advisor in this count.
- **Additional Members: \$170** per additional participants (students or co-advisors who are coming to the contest).
- **IEEE Discount:** Get \$50 off of one team's registration if at least one person on one of your teams is a member of IEEE. Use Discount Code IEEE50.

SETTING UP YOUR TEAMS

- **Confirmation email:** Once you have paid for your team(s), you will receive this confirmation email: *“To register your team as the coach (or to send the registration to the intended team coach) navigate to “My Teams” at <http://www.competitionsocieties.org/dashboard>.*
- Click on the email link to go back to the **WERC Registration site**.
 - a) Click **My Teams sidebar [1]**.
 - b) Click **Start New Registration [2]**. Note that in the screenshot below, we already registered one team, but we haven’t completed their registration.
 - c) You can go back any time to **complete registration** for your team(s) [3].
 - d) **Clicking either Start New Registration or Complete Registration** will take you to a new screen.

The screenshot shows the WERC Registration site dashboard. On the left is a sidebar with the ICS logo and navigation links: My Dashboard, Upgrade My Account, Dashboard Home, My Teams (highlighted with a red box and number 1), My Awards, My Badges, My Rankings, My Events, and My Resources. The main content area has a notification bar, a filter bar with checkboxes for Show Admin Teams, Show Member Teams, Show Coach Teams, and Show Past Teams, and a 'Start New Registration' button (highlighted with a red box and number 2). Below this is a table of registered teams. The table has columns for Competition, Date Purchased, Status, and Send to another user. The first row shows 'WERC Environmental Design Contest: 2026' with a status of 'Incomplete' and a 'Complete Registration' button (highlighted with a red box and number 3). A 'Send' button is also present in the 'Send to another user' column.

Competition	Date Purchased	Status	Send to another user
WERC Environmental Design Contest: 2026	November 11, 2025	Incomplete Complete Registration	3 Send

- New Screen: **Team Info Tab [1]** Enter:
 - a) Any **Team Name** you would like **[2]**.
 - b) **Full institution Name [3]**.
 - c) **Task Number** this team is working on **[4]**.
 - d) **Team Number** according to convention: **SCHL-Task# [5]**.
 1. **SCHL** = School abbreviation (4-7 characters)
 2. **Task#** = Task number the team is entering
 - e) Enter the **Student Team Leader's Name [6]**.



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Team Control Panel

WERC Environmental Design

Team: AgGreen

Admin: MG Scarbrough

Team ID: 24501



Registration saved.

Team Info [1] News Timeline Resources & Files Rounds & Submissions Coach & Members Scores

Team Name [2]
AgGreen

Organization [3]
New Mexico State University

City
Las Cruces

Country
United States

State / Region
New Mexico

Additional Information

Task Number (Required) [4]
Task 5

Team Number (Required) [5]
Team Number Format: SCHL-#
SCHL = abbreviation of your Institution's name (Up to 7 letters)
= The task number the team is entering.
If you entered a different format for your team's name, please update it to match this format. It helps WERC staff quickly identify the needs of each team. Thank you for your help!
WERC-5

Team Leader (Required) [6]
Provide the name of your Student Team Leader (required):
Team Leader Name:
Lauren Flugle

Co-Advisors Registering (if any)

Screen continued on next page.

- a) **Team Info Tab, continued:** Enter any Co-Advisors for this team who are coming to the contest. If no Co-Advisors for this team, leave blank [7].
- b) **Enter your Departmental Address.** This is the address to which we will send any samples or cash awards. Only needed for the first team's registration [8].
- c) **Upload a photo of you for the Event Guide.** Only needed for the first team's registration [9].
- d) **Enter your bio. Include research & teaching interests.** Only needed for the first team's registration [10].
- e) **Upload your school's W9 only if your school is new to the contest.** Only needed for the first team's registration [11].
- f) **Enter the number of people on this team who are members of IEEE.** Complete for each team's registration [12].
- g) **Be sure to click **Update Registration** at the bottom of the page [13].**

Policy
Conditions

Team Leader Name:
Lauren Flugle

Co-Advisors Registering (if any)
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Provide the name(s) of any Co-Advisors who will be registering for the contest (optional). This will help us link registered members to their roles at the contest.

Dr. G.L. Smart

Departmental Address
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Below include your departmental address
This is the address to which we will send any materials and/or cash award checks.
If you are registering multiple teams, you only need to provide this information during the first team's registration.

NMSU COE Dept of Outreach
1025 Stewart St.
Las Cruces NM
88003

Advisor Photo
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Please upload a portrait of yourself for publication in the Contest Event Guide. If you are registering multiple teams, you only need to upload your photo once.

Submitted file: 24501_1762362885_1762961228.jpg Nov 13, 2025 3:27pm UTC
Upload different file

Advisor Bio
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Please enter your bio for publication in the Contest Event Guide. If you are registering multiple teams, you only need to provide this information once.
Kindly keep your bio within **600 characters**. If it exceeds that length, please edit it to fit—this ensures your information appears exactly as you intend.
Thank you!

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Upload W9 (If school is new to the contest)
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If your school has participated in the contest within the past 6 years, we already have your W9 on file, and there is no need to upload it again.
If this is your institution's first time participating in the WERC Environmental Design Contest in recent years, please upload your school's W-9 form.

Choose File No file chosen Upload

Max File Size: 5MB
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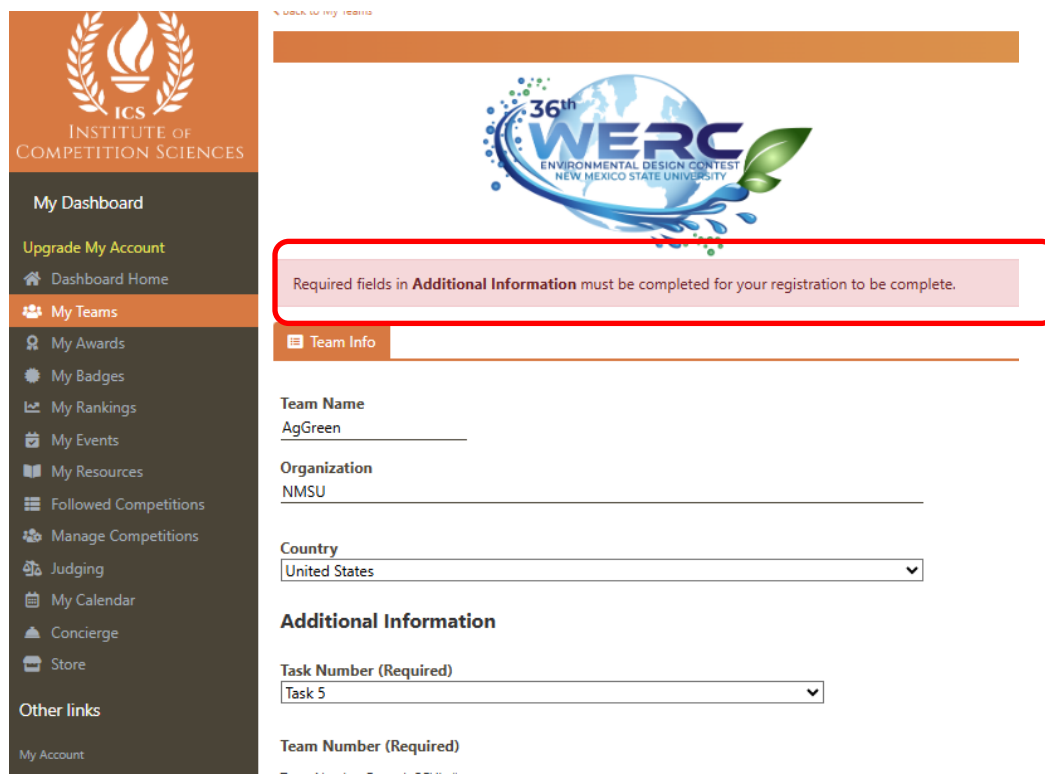
IEEE Members
12

If you claimed the discount for having at least one IEEE member on one of your teams, please enter the number of people (including yourself) on this team who are IEEE members.

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Update Registration Delete Team
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- If you omitted any **required** items, at the top of the page you will see a pink line “Required fields must be completed....”. Note that not all items are required.



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Required fields in **Additional Information** must be completed for your registration to be complete.

Team Info

Team Name
AgGreen

Organization
NMSU

Country
United States

Additional Information

Task Number (Required)
Task 5

Team Number (Required)

- Red letters will indicate what is missing [1]. For example:

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IEEE Members (Required)

If you claimed the discount for having at least one IEEE member on one of your teams, please enter the number of people (including yourself) on this

Select One

This value is required. 1

Update Registration 2 Delete Team

- Be sure to **Update Registration** after any changes [2]

ADDING TEAM MEMBERS

- **Add Members to your Team:**
 - **Click on Coach & Members [1].**
 - **Coach:** The primary Faculty Advisor. You may switch to a different coach at any time [2].
 - **Add Team Members [3].** Click on **Add Members**.

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WERC Environmental Design Contest: 2026

Team: AgGreen

Admin: MG Scarbrough

Team ID: 24501

Registration saved.

Team Info News Timeline Resources & Files Rounds & Submissions **Coach & Members** ★ Scores

Team Coach

Team Coach must be 18 years of age or older.

☒ Check here if you will be the Team Coach.

☐ Check here if the Team Coach is someone else.

Update Coach

Team Members

There are currently no members

Add Members

Non-Registered Members

One per line. Use only for members who are not able to register as a user on the system.

Update Non-Registered Members

- An **Add Members** window will pop up. In the pop-up window:
 - **Copy the link and place it in an email to all members of this team [4].**
 - **Invite Team Members (two options):**
 - Easiest:** copy the validation code (unique to each team) and email it to all students on that team [5].
 - Second option:** Separately enter the email address of each person you are adding to this team [6].

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USING THE TEAM SITE: NEWS, TIMELINE, RESOURCES, SUBMISSIONS, SCORES

- **News:** Find all WERC news, such as updated timelines, contest schedules, etc.
- **Timeline:** Find a calendar of milestones and deliverables.

The screenshot shows the WERC Team Control Panel dashboard. On the left is a sidebar with the ICS logo and navigation links: My Dashboard, Upgrade My Account, Dashboard Home, My Teams, and My Awards. The main content area features the WERC logo and a 'Team Control Panel' header. Below the header, it displays 'WERC Environmental Design Contest: 2026' and team details: Team: AgGreen, Admin: MG Scarbrough, and Team ID: 24501. A green notification bar states 'Registration saved.' At the bottom, a navigation bar includes links for Team Info, News, Timeline, Resources & Files, Rounds & Submissions, Coach & Members, and Scores. The 'News' and 'Timeline' tabs are highlighted with red boxes.

- **Resources & Files:** Find all forms and templates you will need for submissions as well as other resources related to your task.

This screenshot shows the 'Resources & Files' section of the WERC Team Control Panel. The sidebar on the left is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area now displays the 'Resources & Files' header and a list of resources: 30% Project Review Form, Equipment Transport Form, and ESP Template. The 'Resources & Files' tab in the bottom navigation bar is highlighted with a red box.

- **Rounds & Submissions [1]:** Your Task is one of the numbered Rounds [2], [3], etc.
 - Find the same templates and forms within this area as are in the “Resources & Files” tab.
 - After the registration deadline, you will only be able to see your team’s Task plus the Flash Pitch Round.
 - **To submit items that are due**, such as your team photo or the report: **Press Edit [4]** under **Status**.
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Team Control Panel

WERC Environmental Design Contest: 2026

Team: AgGreen
Admin: MG Scarbrough
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Team Info News Timeline Resources & Files **Rounds & Submissions** Coach & Members Scores

Round	Submissions Open	Submissions Close	Status ⓘ
Task 1. After RO: Brine Management in the Desert Resources for this round: 30% Project Review Form Complete the 30% Project Review form and submit by January 30, 2026. ESP Template Template for submitting the Experimental Safety Plan Equipment Transport Form Submit by March 30, 2026, only if shipping items to Las Cruces.	Nov 4, 2025 11:59pm PST	Apr 2, 2026 11:59pm PDT (Pacific Time)	0 of 4 required done Edit 4
Task 2. Power Plants: Recovering Water from Cooling Towers Resources for this round: 30% Project Review Form Complete the 30% Project Review form and submit by January 30, 2026. ESP Template Template for submitting the Experimental Safety Plan Equipment Transport Form Submit by March 30, 2026, only if shipping items to Las Cruces.	Nov 4, 2025 11:59pm PST	Apr 2, 2026 11:59pm PDT (Pacific Time)	0 of 4 required done Edit 4
Task 3. Bio-inspired Critical Mineral Recovery in Mining Waters Resources for this round: 30% Project Review Form etc.	Nov 4, 2025 11:59pm PST		0 of 4 required done Edit 4

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- **To Submit (continued):**
 - After clicking **Edit**, a **Submission** menu will pop up [1]. Make sure it is for the correct Task. [2]
 - All but two submissions require file uploads.** For the two exceptions:
 - Juanita Miller will check for your ESP Course attendance
 - Email your ESP to Juanita Miller.
 - After any submission, press **Save** at the bottom of the Submission Window [3].
 - You may come back to the Submission window at any time.

Submission for: Task 2. Power Plants: Recovering Water from Cooling Towers

Team Photo - Traditional
Upload a team photo in a traditional pose that would be more appropriate for business distribution.
Choose File No file chosen
Max Filesize: 6MB
Note: Trying to upload multiple files at the same time is not allowed. File should be a document or image. These include doc, pdf, jpg, png files, with others accepted as well.

Team Photo - Fun
Upload a photo of your team doing something fun or creative.
Choose File No file chosen
Max Filesize: 6MB
Note: Trying to upload multiple files at the same time is not allowed. File should be a document or image. These include doc, pdf, jpg, png files, with others accepted as well.

30% Project Review Required
Due by Jan. 30, 2026
Choose File No file chosen
Max Filesize: 6MB
Note: Trying to upload multiple files at the same time is not allowed. File should be a document or image. These include doc, pdf, jpg, png files, with others accepted as well.

ESP Course Required
Complete by February 20, 2026. All team members are required to attend the course.
Find the link to the course under "Resources."
[Text Input Field]

ESP Forms
Due: March 13, 2026 Email to Juanita Miller (miljgh@nmsu.edu)
[Text Input Field]

Equipment Transport Form Required
Due March 30, 2026 if shipping items to Las Cruces Find form template under "Resources"
Choose File No file chosen
Max Filesize: 6MB
Note: Trying to upload multiple files at the same time is not allowed. File should be a document or image. These include doc, pdf, jpg, png files, with others accepted as well.

Technical Report Required
Due April 2, 2026, 11:59 PM, your time zone. Uploads are limited to 5MB on this site. If needed, compress your file prior to submission.
Choose File No file chosen
Max Filesize: 6MB
Note: Trying to upload multiple files at the same time is not allowed. File should be a document or image. These include doc, pdf, jpg, png files, with others accepted as well.

Save 3

- **Coach & Members:** Discussed on pages 9-10.
- **Scores:** Find your team's scores after April 15, 2026.