

UA to Sponsor High School, Middle School Design Competition

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Students from 37 local high schools and middle schools will come to the University of Arizona to compete for best designed balsa wood gliders and more this Saturday at the Southern Regional MESA Design Competition.

The University of Arizona is once again sponsoring the competition for high-school and middle-school students. The competition will be held in The UA Social Sciences Building, 1145 E. S. Campus Drive, on Saturday, March 5, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

In addition to best designed balsa wood gliders students will compete for best design in windmills, cargo bottle rockets, balsa wood bridges, and mousetrap-powered, multi-purpose vehicles.

Engineers from Raytheon will judge the events. Funding is provided by the UA Early Academic Outreach Department and local school districts. Additional support is provided by the UA College of Engineering. The public is welcome to attend. Admission is free for all. Free parking is available at the Tyndall Avenue garage, located south of University Boulevard on Tyndall Avenue.

Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement, founded in 1970 and launched in Arizona in 1983, is one of the oldest and most successful programs to advance educationally

NOTE

What

2005 Southern Regional Design Competition

When

Saturday, March 8, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where

The University of Arizona Social Science Building (1145 E. S. Campus Drive; southwest of Old Main at the corner of University Boulevard and South Campus Drive)

Sponsor

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)

Cost

Free and open to the public. Parking is available at no cost at the Tyndall Avenue Garage on Tyndall Avenue south of University Boulevard.

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[Arizona MESA](#)

The Office of Early Academic Outreach at the UA coordinates MESA. Middle and high school students are instructed on how to best prepare for college, emphasizing the importance of a solid academic foundation. Students participate in mathematics, science and engineering programs and competitions that enhance eligibility and success at four-year colleges.

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