



NEWS RELEASE:

Solar cars to compete in Formula Sun Grand Prix, a 3-day track event and qualifier for the American Solar Challenge

Wampum, PA – From July 22-28, solar cars will be at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex competing in the Formula Sun Grand Prix, which also serves as a qualifier for the American Solar Challenge. July 22-25, the solar cars will go through a series of inspections, known as scrutineering, including mechanical systems, electrical systems, body & sizing, dynamic testing, and more. Teams that pass scrutineering will then be allowed to compete in the Formula Sun Grand Prix, a 3-day track event, July 26-28, with 24 total hours of drive time on solar power. The public is welcome to come out and cheer on the teams.

Teams that successfully demonstrate the reliability and roadworthiness of their solar car during the Formula Sun Grand Prix will qualify to compete in the American Solar Challenge, a road-rally style event from July 30 – August 6, 2016. During the American Solar Challenge, the solar car teams will travel 1975 miles through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. In celebration of the National Park Service Centennial, the solar cars will make stops at 9 national park locations where visitors will have the unique opportunity to see the solar cars, meet the teams, and participate in local activities.

Every two years, the Innovators Educational Foundation organizes the American Solar Challenge, a collegiate student design competition to design, build, and drive solar-powered vehicles in a cross-country time/distance event. Annually, Innovators Educational Foundation also organizes the Formula Sun Grand Prix track event, giving teams another opportunity to compete with their solar cars and train new team members.

Innovators Educational Foundation would like to thank all of the 2016 sponsors, with special recognition to the National Park Service (Event Partner) and Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (Gold-Level Sponsor). Their support and contributions help make this multi-disciplined, experiential learning event possible.

Please visit www.americansolarchallenge.org/the-competition/ascfsgp-2016/ for a more detailed schedule and a list of registered teams.

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About Innovators Educational Foundation. Innovators Educational Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit that organizes solar car events in the United States, including the American Solar Challenge (road event) and the Formula Sun Grand Prix (track event), to provide hands-on, multi-disciplined learning opportunities for college students. Visit us at www.americansolarchallenge.org, on Facebook www.facebook.com/AmericanSolarChallenge, and on Twitter www.twitter.com/ASC_SolarRacing.

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