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## **Cedarville Prepares to Defend World Solar Splash Title**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – Cedarville University, for the third consecutive year, will host the World Solar Splash Championship at Eastwood MetroPark in Dayton. The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event will be held June 15-19. The event, which draws college teams from around the world, is expected to bring 14 schools to the area.

In addition to Cedarville, other participating teams include the University of Dayton, University of Arkansas, Middle Tennessee State University, University of South Carolina, University of Southern Indiana, The Catholic University of America, Roger Williams University, The College of New Jersey, University of Rochester, University of New Mexico, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, University of Colorado Denver and University of Buffalo.

Cedarville is the most decorated participant in Solar Splash history, having won the event eight times in the last 12 years, including a win in the 2015 Solar Splash.

Last year Cedarville won the title by earning 932.44 points (out of a possible 1,000) to finish more than 100 points ahead of second-place Middle Tennessee State (802.53 points). Cedarville won three of the four on-water events and won awards for outstanding technical report, outstanding system design, outstanding electrical system design and most improved team.

Solar Splash is an event that tests the engineering design and production skills of each team through a technical inspection and a series of on-water competitions. Each team is required to produce a piloted boat up to 6 meters in length powered by 480 Watts of solar power with one kW-hr of stored energy in batteries.

Teams earn points based on their performance in a qualifier, high-speed sprint race, long endurance races and slalom event. The event judges also review technical reports submitted by each team, which factor in to the final score.

The 2016 World Solar Splash Championship is free and open to the public. The event schedule may be modified due to weather or other circumstances. For more information on the event, visit [www.solarsplash.com](http://www.solarsplash.com).

### **2016 Solar Splash Schedule**

#### **Wednesday, June 15**

8 a.m.–5 p.m. – Team Registrations  
9 a.m.–5 p.m. – Electrical/Mechanical Inspections  
12–1 p.m. – Lunch Break  
1–5 p.m. – On-Water Technical Inspections  
2–3 p.m. – Skipper Weigh-In  
3–4 p.m. – Swim Test for Skippers  
6 p.m. – Reception/Banquet Program (on-site)

#### **Thursday, June 16**

8 a.m. – Morning Skippers' Meeting  
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. – Electrical/Mechanical Inspections

**9 a.m.–5 p.m. – Qualifying and Solar Slalom Events**

12–1 p.m. – Lunch Break

**Friday, June 17**

8 a.m. – Morning Skippers' Meeting

**8:30–10 a.m. – Qualifying and Solar Slalom Events**

12–1 p.m. – Lunch Break

**2–4 p.m. – First Sprint Heats Event**

**Saturday, June 18**

8 a.m. – Morning Skippers' Meeting

**10 a.m.–12 p.m. – First Endurance Heats Event**

12–1 p.m. – Lunch Break

**2–4 p.m. – Second Endurance Heats Event**

**Sunday, June 19**

8 a.m. – Morning Skippers' Meeting

**9:30–10:50 a.m. – Second Sprint Heats Event**

11 a.m.–12 p.m. – Lunch Break

**12:15–1 p.m. – Third Sprint Heats Event**

**1:15 p.m. – Sprint Championship Event**

**2:30 p.m. – AWARDS CEREMONY**

\*Changes to the schedule may occur, due to weather or other circumstances.

\*\*Activities shown in **bold** are major items of interest to spectators.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).