

Best Practices Information Request Form

Sections and Branches

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) is continuously expanding their Best Practices Guide to document successful activities and practices in our Sections and Branches.

Please use this form (Word format) to document your group's successful activity so we can share it with other leaders. We strongly encourage you to attach relevant graphics and photos (either embedded in the Word document or as attachments, PDF, jpg, tif, or other formats). We will incorporate the new Best Practice in the Guide and post it to the web site. Please return your completed form to Brian Pawula at blpawula@hornershifrin.com and/or Nancy Berson at nberson@asce.org.

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PROJECT TITLE	Lake Day
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1. Section/Branch	Tennessee Section / Nashville Branch
2. Section/Branch Size	
3. Project Contact	
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4. Project Category	Please choose one: Communication, Continuing Education, Government Relations, Membership Development, Section Operations, K-12 Student Outreach, College Student Outreach, Public Outreach.
5. Project Description	<p>Annually, the ASCE Student Chapters of Lipscomb University, TN State University, and Vanderbilt University come together on a Saturday in September for Lake Day. The event includes students, faculty, staff and their guests from all the schools in a day of food, fun, and fellowship. The main event is racing concrete canoes. Schools bring past concrete canoes to race. Schools also bring other canoes or kayaks for fun. Races are conducted just for fun, and teams can be made up from multiple schools. Organizers ensure a "rescue boat" is close by in case racers run into problems paddling their canoe. This fun event encourages corroboration between the schools and offers students from all the schools the chance to gain paddling experience.</p> <p>Traditionally, Lipscomb Faculty reserve the pavilion for the event with availability of the space being the main decision factor for the date of the</p>

	<p>event. In the past, the schools have taken turns buying food, drinks, supplies, etc. for the event. They also take turns cooking and serving with the faculty members being the main preparers and servers. Recently however, the local Nashville Branch Younger Member Group decided to sponsor the event with a monetary donation to offset the cost of food and drinks. The Student Chapter liaison from the YMG also joined the event and spent the day interacting with students from all the schools. In addition to increased collaboration between schools, the event also offers students a chance to learn about the Younger Member Group in a fun, relaxed environment.</p>
<p>6. The Process (What you did, When and How)</p>	<p>Annually, the ASCE Student Chapters of Lipscomb University, TN State University, and Vanderbilt University come together on a Saturday in September for Lake Day.</p>
<p>7. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)</p>	<p>Student Chapter Leadership & Faculty Advisors.</p>
<p>8. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)</p>	<p>Fall Semester.</p>
<p>9. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)</p>	<p>Having the student chapters together.</p>
<p>10. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)</p>	<p>Not everyone is free on weekends (i.e., college football games). The venue isn't close for anyone. The date is set based on venue availability.</p>
<p>11. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
<p>12. Administration (What was most Important?)</p>	<p>Reserving the venue. Advertising.</p>
<p>13. Follow-Up (What was most important?)</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
<p>14. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)</p>	<p>Invite all the Student Chapters in the area.</p>
<p>15. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
<p>16. The Outcome</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
<p>17. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>18. Speaker Contact Information</p>	<p>N/A</p>

(person from your group who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	
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19. Additional Comments

(We strongly recommend attaching relevant photos and graphics)

