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ITE District 6

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District 6 Annual Meeting in Montana!

This year's District meeting will be held on July 10-13 in Kalispell, Montana. For those of you who maybe do not know much about Kalispell, here is the low down....

Kalispell is located in northwest Montana at the north end of Flathead Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. Just minutes from the west entrance to Glacier National Park, Kalispell is a haven for outdoor recreation, including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, and golf on some of America's most spectacular courses. So come on by and witness some Old Western Charm! The cost for Students to attend is greatly discounted (only \$25 dollars!) and is a wonderful way to enhance your education on cutting edge transportation topics while networking with career professionals.

As part of the District meeting, there are many student activities and events. Always a hit is the James Kell competition, which has teams of students competing against each other. So, if you are planning on attending the meeting make sure to attend the Kell competition on Sunday afternoon competition (students are usually split into teams from different schools). The first place prize is \$1000!! (to be split between the winning team students). If you or your school is coming let Alyssa know (see contact info below) by June 1st.

For more information on the District 6 Annual Meeting go to District 6's website: www.westernite.org.



Chapter Reports Reminder!!!

Thank you to all the student chapters that submitted their annual reports prior to the April 1st deadline! If your chapter has not submitted a report, you can still receive funding for your chapter. While you will not be eligible for the competition, you will receive \$100 just for submitting a report, and your faculty advisor will receive a \$150 dues voucher! Please go to <http://www.westernite.org/students/competition.htm> for more information on the chapter report content.

2004-05 Student Chapters

Arizona State University
 Boise State University
 Brigham Young University
 Cal Poly State University-Pomona
 Poly State University-SLO
 California State University-Chico
 California State University-Long Beach
 California State University-Los Angeles
 California State University-Sacramento
 Montana State University
 Oregon Institute of Technology
 Oregon State University
 Portland State University
 San Diego State University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 University of Arizona
 University of Alaska-Anchorage
 University of California-Berkeley
 University of California-Davis
 University of California-Irvine
 University of Colorado-Denver
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Idaho
 University of Nevada-Las Vegas
 University of New Mexico
 University of Utah
 University of Washington
 University of Wyoming
 Utah State University
 Washington State University

What does your District do for you?

District 6 values its students. We want to make sure that you have plenty of opportunities to get involved in District activities. Programs that are currently available to students include:

The Data Collection Fund:

\$1000-\$2000 in funds for your student chapter

The Student Paper Award:

\$500+ travel costs to the annual meeting

The Student Chapter Award

\$100 for each submitting chapter

\$50 extra for honorable mentions

\$200 extra + travel costs for the winner

The Kell RFP:

\$1500 in travel costs for the winning chapter

The Kell Competition:

\$1000 to be split among the winning team members

District 6 Fellowship:

\$1000 for tuition costs

Other Services:

Transportation library updates

Free or subsidized meeting registration

Outstanding student awards

Additionally, most if not all, of your local sections and chapters also offer scholarships and paper competitions. Make sure that you take advantage of all the opportunities that are out there. Check the District 6 website and your local section and chapter websites for more information.

We are currently working on the funding structure for these programs and are interested in your feedback. Are you happy with the opportunities that are available? What can we add or change in order to do better? Please send your comments to Alyssa Reynolds at areynolds@orth-rodgers.com.

Around & Around (the District) We Go:

The **California State University, Sacramento** chapter has a new advisor, Dr. Kevan Shafizadeh, and has begun efforts to revitalize chapter activities. After many years of inactivity, they recruited almost **60** members this year! Go to <http://www.csus.edu/org/ite> to check them out.

The **University of Arizona Chapter**, located in Tucson, used video conferencing to provide a presentation about the light rail project occurring in Phoenix, located over 100 miles away.

At least eight, and usually more, students from the **University of Nevada**, Las Vegas Chapter attended every one of the local Nevada Chapter monthly meetings held this year.

Montana State University students worked as parking attendants for each of the six home football games held this fall, allowing the students to see first-hand the effects of the MSU-ITE redesign of the Bobcat Stadium parking facilities, completed last year.

Students from the **University of Idaho** Chapter traveled all the way to San Francisco for their field trip last April. Tours included the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system, DKS Associates' offices, and the FHWA Resource Center.

New officers in the **Cal Poly Pomona** chapter attend a leadership retreat hosted by their College of Engineering. Officers attend leadership skills workshops and network with officers from other engineering groups to coordinate and plan events.

Approximately 25 **Brigham Young University** students attended the Utah Department of Transportation Conference in October. Students networked with professionals, attended technical presentations, and participated in the Spaghetti Bridge Building competition.

The **University of Wyoming** Chapter uses a unique election system to ensure continuity in their Chapter. The Vice-President and Treasurer are elected at the end of spring semester and the President and Secretary at the end of the fall semester.

Private Scholarship Opportunity!

Energy Absorption, Inc. is sponsoring the Phillip E. Rollaus Jr. Essay Competition that is open to any full-time student. The deadline to submit your 2000 word or less essay is by May 31st. For more information please go to www.energyabsorption.com.

Grand Prize: US \$3,000 Cash Award to Student; US \$1,000 Cash Award to Sponsoring Professor; Plus 3 Student Finalists: US \$1,000 Cash Awards

Topics:

Topic 1 Road Authority Liability - What is a road authority's liability for improper protection of roadside hazards or improper maintenance of these protective devices? What should this liability be?

Student Savings!

It may not be well known but if you are an ITE student member you can save big bucks! ITE has a program for reducing the cost of all ITE publications by ½ the member price! This can be a savings of hundreds of dollars!! Types of publications are the well-known MUTCD, Trip Generation Manual, and the Traffic Engineering Handbook plus many other great resources. If you are interested in this special savings go to: <http://ite.org>.

Student Chapter Best Practices Resource

Do you want create a new chapter image or are you just looking for some fresh new ideas??? We'll if so, a resource available is the student chapter

best practices guide. This is a document that has compiled some of the most successful ideas and activities from award-winning student chapters from all across North America! If you would like to check this out, go to: <http://www.westernite.org/students/resources.htm>

Wanna Job?

ITE Resume Service

ITE student chapter members may upload resumes to the ITE International website (www.ite.org). Resumes may be uploaded at any time. Regulations for accepting resumes are available on the ITE web page. Many major employers have used this web site to identify job candidates.

Topic 2 Insurance Company Participation - Since both parties benefit from safer roads, how should road authorities and insurance companies work together to improve road safety?

Topic 3 Next Generation Automated Enforcement - Automated enforcement such as speed cameras and red light cameras are being used around the world to make roads safer. What should the next generation of these products include to make them even more effective?

Topic 4 Railroad Protection - What devices need to be developed and introduced to protect motorists and pedestrians at railroad crossings and railroad stations?

In addition, job postings are listed on www.ite.org, www.westernite.org and many of the individual District 6 Section websites (see the next page for web addresses)

Wanted:

Student Chapter Updates

What is your student chapter doing? We want to hear about your ideas, projects, and activities. We are always looking for student comments on the District 6 Student Competitions and our student outreach efforts.

Fellowships/Scholarships

ITE International also maintains a list of all scholarships and fellowships that are available to transportation engineering students. This list, as well as many other student outreach programs, are on the ITE website (www.ite.org).

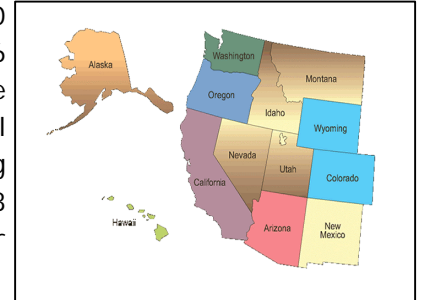
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What is District 6?

After all of this reading, are you wondering what is District 6? Well, it is one of 10 International Districts of ITE, eight of which are located in the US. District 6 includes the 11 western contiguous states along with Alaska and Hawaii and all the US territories except Puerto Rico. Within the district, there are several "Sections". All District 6 sections are listed at the end of the newsletter along with their website address (not all sections have a web site). In addition to the 8 U.S. districts, ITE has two international districts; a Canadian District and another district encompassing all areas outside the US and Canada.



Section Website Links

ITE District 6 Website - www.westernite.org (direct links to the section websites can be accessed through the District's web site).

Section and Chapter Websites:

Alaska - communitynews.adn.com/ite

Arizona - www.westernite.org/Sections/arizona/index.htm

Southern Arizona - www.dot.co.pima.az.us/saite/

California Border - www.westernite.org/Sections/CalBorder/index.htm

Central California - www.westernite.org/Sections/Central_California/index.html

Central Coast California - www.westernite.org/Sections/centralcoast/index.htm

Colorado-Wyoming - www.cowyite.org/

Hawaii - www.ite-hawaii.org/

Intermountain (Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah)- www.westernite.org/Sections/intermountain/index.html

New Mexico - www.nmite.org/

Oregon - www.oregonite.org/

Riverside-San Bernardino - www.westernite.org/Sections/sbr/index.htm

San-Francisco Bay Area - www.westernite.org/Sections/SFBay_Area/index.html

Southern California - www.westernite.org/Sections/itesocal/index.html

Washington - www.westernite.org/Sections/washington/index.htm

Student Chapter Website Links

Brigham Young University <http://org.et.byu.edu/ite/>

CalPoly State University-SLO <http://ceenve.ceng.calpoly.edu/SCE/>

California State University, Sacramento - <http://www.csus.edu/org/ite>

Montana State University: <http://www.coe.montana.edu/ce/ite/default.html>

Portland State University - <http://www.its.pdx.edu/ite/>

University of California Irvine - <http://www.its.uci.edu/%7Eite/>

University of Hawaii at Manoi - <http://www.eng.hawaii.edu/%7Eite/>

University of Idaho - http://www.uidaho.edu/student_orgs/ite/

University of Utah - <http://www.trafficlab.utah.edu/education/ITE%20UofU/index.htm>

University of Wyoming - <http://www.eng.uwyo.edu/societies/ITE/>

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