

Attending WEFTEC as a student can be challenging, both on the financial and educational side. This guide provides you with step-by-step instructions for getting to WEFTEC and all the events as economically as possible.

Registration

WEFTEC Registration is FREE for WEF Student Members!

- If you are a WEF student member, register for WEFTEC [online](#).
- If you are not a WEF member, [become a member](#) before registering for the conference.

As you register for WEFTEC, be sure to indicate if you will be attending the [WEF Community Service Project](#) on Saturday, October 8. Transportation will be provided from the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (900 Convention Center Blvd) to the project location. Buses will begin loading at 8:30am and will be departing by 9:00am. Lunch and a T-shirt will be provided. Buses will arrive back at the convention center around 4:00pm.

Students and Young Professionals Committee Communications

Join the WEFTEC 2022 SYPC WhatsApp Group Here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JOIMvUmqXFQCB1SAKI1gGP>

Coordinate transportation to and from conference, look for open rooms, hear about events/receptions etc.

Airfare

Book air reservations early to get the best deals. Visit the [WEFTEC site](#) for information on airports and ground transportation.

If you are not arriving with someone to share a ride with, [Airport Shuttle New Orleans](#) offers round trip shuttles from the airport to the French Quarter, convention center, or downtown for \$24 each way or \$44 round trip. If you want to coordinate transportation, try using the WhatsApp group chat.

Hotel

[Official conference lodging and rates](#) are listed—along with a map—to assist in planning your stay.

Rooms specifically for university students and academics are available at the **Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center** until August 19, 2022, or until they sell out, whichever occurs first.

Call a WEFTEC housing customer care agent at 1-888-301-4933 (toll-free U.S. and Canada) or 1-415-979-2298 (globally) to reserve through this dedicated block. Reference group code “STUD.” Customer care agents are available Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm EDT. Students should use the code “STUD” when speaking to the agent.

Events

Below is a [summary of events](#) throughout WEFTEC that are hosted or sponsored by the SYPC.

HINT: Be sure to download and use the conference app to confirm all meeting locations and times—in case of any last-minute changes.

Friday, October 7

Water Palooza

Location: Good Shepherd School

Water Palooza is a day-long education fair that is hosted at an elementary school the Friday before WEFTEC begins. The goal of Water Palooza is to engage students in hands-on and demonstrative activities that promote the value of water and encourage students to become stewards of their own water environment. Contact WEF Staff, [Ama Richardson](#), if interested in volunteering at the event.

Saturday, October 8

WEF Community Service Project, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Location: Saint Augustine High School

The 2022 WEF Community Service Project, “Marching to a Greener St. Augustine,” will be held on Saturday, October 8th. The Annual WEF Community Service Project, organized by the WEF Students and Young Professionals Committee (SYPC), offers WEFTEC participants an opportunity to give back to the New Orleans local host community. Volunteers should be prepared to build, plant, paint, and/or rehabilitate an outdoor worksite.

Registration for the service project is free and open to all WEFTEC participants. Volunteers will receive transportation to and from the worksite, a t-shirt, lunch, and a WEF Community Service Project ribbon for their WEFTEC badge.

The project will serve as an educational platform for the community to learn about water, the environment, and green infrastructure. To volunteer at the event, add the “WEF Community Service Project” to your WEFTEC Registration.

** Transportation will be provided from the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (900 Convention Center Blvd) to the project location. Buses will begin loading at 8:30am and will be departing by 9:00am. Buses will arrive back at the convention center around 4:00pm. For those going to Jammin’ 4 Water, coordinate independent rides/carpool.*

Jammin’ 4 Water, 6:00pm – 12:00am. Location: Generations Hall, 310 Andrew Higgins Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Jammin’ 4 Water features the musical talents of water quality professionals benefiting the WEF Community Service Project as well as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene focused charities. Jammin’ 4 Water provides Students and Young Professionals participating in the WEF Community Service project with discounted tickets to the event. Learn more at <http://www.jammin4water.org/>.

Sunday, October 9

Student Design Competition, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA

Wastewater: Rooms 271-273; Water Environment: Rooms 278-279; Process Challenge (all SDC participants) 3:00 - 4:00pm, Rooms 275-277

Students from across the Federation will present their design projects in both the wastewater and environmental topic areas. For more information, visit the [WEF Student Design Competition](#) webpage.

Monday, October 10

Annual Student Chapter Meeting, 10:00am – 11:00am. Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center Rooms: 271-273

Network with other student chapters, share ideas, and learn how we can help as you begin your professional career.

Students & Young Professionals Committee Meeting, 11:15am – 12:15pm. Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Rooms 271-273

Young Professionals, Students, Academics, and Member Association Leaders are invited to attend this meeting held annually at WEFTEC. Come join to help shape WEFTEC programs for students & young professionals.

Career Fair, 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Location: Ernest N. Morial Center, Exhibit Hall, Booth 150, Hall B1

Network with multiple companies on the leading edge of the water sector who are looking for new graduates to hire! You can also get a complimentary headshot for professional use while there!

HINT: Email your resume directly to Brad Lovett, blovett@wef.org, by **September 1, 2022**, so that it can be added to the resume book that is handed out to participating companies. Approximately 15 companies will be on-site for the WEFTEC SYP Career Fair, with private interview booth space available for day-of interviews. They often use the resume book to reach out to potential new hires before WEFTEC to arrange interviews and get a jump start on hiring our fantastic crew of students and young professionals. The book is organized by categories: Undergraduate; Graduate; and Young Professional.

Meals

There are several receptions and events that are held throughout WEFTEC where a student member can eat for free, while networking with peers and other industry professionals.

Saturday, October 8

Service Project: 9:00am – 4:00pm. Location: Saint Augustine High School

Lunch will be provided to volunteers at the service project site. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to keep hydrated and help us reduce the disposal footprint.

Sunday, October 9

Student Design Competition Break Room: All day. Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA

Rooms 275-277, boxed lunches for student participants.

Student Design Competition Team Photo and Awards Reception: 5pm - 6:30pm, Rooms 271 - 273, New Orleans Convention Center

Monday, October 10

Student Chapter Meeting: 10am – 11 am, Rooms 271-273

Student attendees can connect with other student leaders, strategize student chapter success for the upcoming year, and student attendees will receive boxed lunches after the SYPC meeting at noon.

Global Center Reception: 4:00pm - 5:00 pm, Hall G in the Exhibit Hall

Innovation Pavilion Reception: 4:00pm - 5:00 pm, Booth 3129, Hall E in the Exhibit Hall

HINT: Many manufacturers and consultants host receptions throughout the event. Visit the exhibition floor to network with the exhibitors and consultants. Ask a YP to give you a tour of the exhibition floor, if you are not comfortable venturing out there for the first time.

HINT: Determine when your member association (MA) will be hosting a reception. Light food is usually served at these receptions.

Tuesday, October 11

Exhibit Hall Reception: 4pm - 5pm, Exhibit Halls B-J, New Orleans Convention Center

WEF Awards and Presidential Celebration Blue Carpet Reception: 4pm - 4:45pm, Great Hall Foyer, New Orleans Convention Center