

## Straw Bridge Challenge Needs You!

It is Springtime and along with the birds, bees, April showers and May flowers comes the ASME Straw Bridge Challenge. While perhaps not as important to the natural order of the planet, Straw Bridge Challenge is important to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who put forth the effort to design and build their bridges.

This is where the ASME Baltimore Section needs your help. The section is recruiting volunteers to help with judging, crowd control and just general good PR on Challenge Day, Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from about 9AM to 12:30PM at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Don't really know anything about bridges? That's OK, neither do the Challengers. All these Challengers need are folks who know basics about engineering, structures and design. Engineers of all disciplines and levels are welcome... Engineering Students too!!!



Want to help but that Saturday is already booked? The Straw Bridge Challenge also needs readers to help evaluate the Challengers written reports. Reports are submitted two weeks before Challenge day (April 8<sup>th</sup> this year) and need to be evaluated by the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Interested in helping out, please contact Paul Borthwick at (443) 745-8089 or [paul@bluespecter.com](mailto:paul@bluespecter.com). Please put Strawbridge in the subject line.



## Straw Bridge Challenge Director Position Open

Enjoy working with budding engineers, just not all the time? This is a great opportunity!

ASME Baltimore Section is seeking a volunteer for the position of Straw Bridge Challenge Director.

Straw Bridge Challenge is a STEM initiative sponsored by the Baltimore Section targeted to middle school students. The object of the Challenge is to build a model bridge out of plastic drinking straws that will span a 20" hazard and support a 6.5 pound load.

Director has responsibility of coordinating with The Baltimore Museum of Industry with regard to critical dates, handling supplies requests from interested coaches and parents and running the show on Challenge Day. (Usually late April).

Training and mentorship is available if desired.

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