

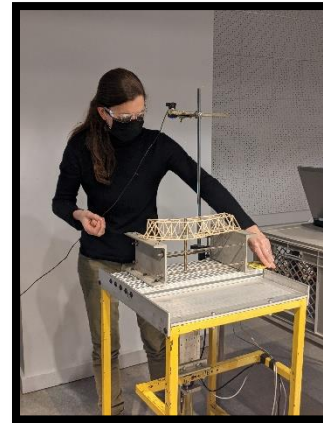


# Maryland Engineering Challenges 2023 Wood Bridge Challenge High School Level – Grades 9-12

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## Important Dates

### Registration

⇒ **Friday, January 13, 2023**

**Prior to 4:00 p.m.**

- In order to be a participating team, each team must have their adult Coach register online at <https://bit.ly/2023MECRegistration> in advance of the due date

### Wood Bridge Competition

⇒ **Saturday, February 4, 2023**

**Doors open at 8:00 a.m.**

- Competition will be at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway, Baltimore
- Teams should bring their completed bridge to the competition ready to be tested
- Full details about the Challenge event will be emailed to Coaches after the registration deadline.

**Questions about Challenge specifications or judging should be sent to the  
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**Other questions?**

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Q: What rules will the competition be using?
  - A: We will be following the International Competition rules this year, which can be found at <http://bridgecontest.phys.iit.edu/>
- Q: What is the overall premise of the competition?
  - A: Competitors are to construct the most efficient basswood bridge that spans approximately a 1' gap.
- Q: Where can I purchase the materials to construct my bridge for the competition?
  - A: The wood must be 3/32-inch square cross-section basswood and can be purchased online at Amazon or Walmart.
  - Materials can also be purchased at Blick Art Materials website: <https://www.dickblick.com/>
- Q: Is this an individual event or can competitors work in groups?
  - A: Any amount of people may be represented by one bridge entry. However, the bridges that qualify for the international competition must be represented by one person only.
- Q: How many bridges can I test?
  - A: Individuals can only submit one official bridge. All others will be tested, but the competitor must select which bridge will be official while registering their bridge during check-in.
- Q: There are barriers preventing me from participating.
  - If there are any barriers preventing you from participating, please reach out so we can overcome these challenges together. We would love to find solutions to make this program meet your school's needs.