

## YOUNGER MEMBERS

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## LOCAL STUDENT CHAPTER EFFORTS

A special thanks goes out to everyone who participated in our 2008 NCAA March Madness Bracket Fundraiser! YMF was able to raise enough funds to throw our local student chapters a fantastic graduation party this May. Congratulations to Sean Merrell and Jared Bowlin for winning 1st and 2nd place, respectively, in the tournament!

The YMF Graduation Party is open to all YMF members and all civil engineering majors within the University of Houston, Rice University, and Prairie View A&M University. YMF wants to congratulate the most recent grads in a big way and welcome them to the Houston

Younger Members.

This event will take place on Saturday, May 10th at Hermann Park Conservancy and will begin at 11 am.

Hermann Park Conservancy is located at 6201 Golf Course Drive which is located just south of US-59 and west of 288. The park is located across from the Texas Medical Center. Stay tuned for an email with the exact location of our picnic spot.

We will be BBQing a



ridiculous amount of food at this event, so make sure to come hungry. Lots of fun entertainment will be provided for everyone so come with your game face on as well!!!!

If possible, please RSVP for this event by contacting Jared Bowlin, Social Activities Chair, at [JBowlin@ehrainc.com](mailto:JBowlin@ehrainc.com) prior to Wednesday, May 7th.

*Houston YMF Grad Party  
Saturday, May 10th  
Hermann Park  
6201 Golf Course Drive  
Festivities begin at 11am*

## BOY SCOUT FAIR, BRENT BALDWIN

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Houston Branch will be hosting a booth at the Sam Houston Area Boy Scout Fair at Reliant Arena. At our booth we will have several fun hands on activities for the scouts to work on such as building gumdrop domes and bridges out of straws, and the playing with West Point Bridge.

The Scout Fair runs from 11am – 5pm and we are looking for 3-4 volunteers for each of the 2

hour shifts (yes only 2 hour) 11-1:00, 1-3:00, 3-5:00. The work is really easy and it great to see the Scouts having fun with engineering.

If you interested in helping out please email Paul Baxter [pmbaxter@civiltecheng.com](mailto:pmbaxter@civiltecheng.com) and let him know which shift you are willing to work.

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- Success of our March Madness Bracket Fundraiser...
- Our highlighted Committee Chair for this month is Kate Fath, Community Service Chair!
- See what YMF has to offer next!



PAST EVENTS

**INAUGRAL MONTHLY SOCIAL:** Our first monthly social was held on Thursday, February 21st, at Sherlock's Baker Street Pub. We had about 25 Younger Members show up to network, socialize, and relax! What a huge success!

Thanks to everyone who was able to come by! Next monthly social will be held on Thursday, April 24th at Sherlock's Baker Street Pub on Westheimer.



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY / LUNCH:** Eight of our Younger Members met for one of our quarterly trash pick-ups in Richmond on Saturday, February 23rd. We worked really hard and met for lunch afterwards.

This event was a great success and our 2.5 mile stretch of highway is much cleaner!! Thanks to everyone who spent their Saturday with us!

**HOUSTON RODEO:** Approximately seven YMF members met at the Annual Houston Rodeo on Thursday, March 20th. As if Toby and the bucking bulls weren't enough entertainment, an impromptu opening act from a clown-in-training dodged bucking bulls from inside a barrel. The "Beast from the East" was in fact the Today Show co-host Matt Lauer. What a special treat before a rockin' concert!

**MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER:** We were able to raise enough money to help kick-off our YMF inaugural graduation party for our local student chapters. See our front page article for more information!



**MARCH SOCIAL:** Our monthly social for March was held at Sherlock's Pub and Grill on Thursday, March 20th. We held our Sandcastle Kick-off meeting concurrently and we had some major success. Many ideas were exchanged for this year's tournament. A big thanks to those who were able to make it out before Easter!



**YOUNGER MEMBER'S PICNIC:** On April, 5th YMF met at Memorial Park for some picnic fun! We ate hamburgers and hotdogs and played volleyball. It was a beautiful day!

"Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."  
Bill Gates

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- ◆ Annual Golf Tournament: *Friday, May 16th.*

Don't forget to get your team signed up! Deadlines are approaching! See the ASCE Houston Website for more details.

- ◆ Annual Sand Castle Tournament: *Saturday, May 31st.*

If you are interested in going to Galveston for the Tournament or would just like to help out with the design of our sandcastle, please contact Clay Forister at [cforister@jaengineering.com](mailto:cforister@jaengineering.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TECHNICAL SEMINAR:** We will be holding a technical seminar on Friday, April 18th – *Come earn 6 PDH's!* Seminar will be held at the offices of Jacobs Carter and Burgess and will focus on leadership management and career development. For more information or to register, contact Amy Stonaker at [astonaker@cobfen.com](mailto:astonaker@cobfen.com).

**Boy Scout Fair:** On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Houston Branch will be hosting a booth at the Sam Houston Area Boy Scout Fair at Reliant Arena.

We need volunteers to man our booth! The Scout Fair runs from 11 – 5 and we are looking for volunteers for each of the 2 hour shifts: 11-1, 1-3, and 3-5.

To volunteer, please email Paul Baxter [pmbaxter@civiltcheng.com](mailto:pmbaxter@civiltcheng.com)

*Saturday, April 19th  
11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (2 hour shifts)  
Reliant Arena*

**April Social:** Our monthly Social for April will be held at Sherlock's Baker Street Pub



from 5 to 7 p.m. Come ready to network, relax, and have fun!

*Thursday, April 24th  
5–7 p.m.  
Sherlock's Baker Street Pub  
1001 Westheimer*

**Local Student Chapters' Graduation Party:** Save the date! YMF will be hosting the graduation party on Saturday, May 10th at Hermann Park. Festivities begin at 11am. Come hungry and ready to have fun! See front page article for more information.

*Saturday, May 10th  
Begin at 11am  
Hermann Park  
6201 Golf Course Drive*

**Annual Houston ASCE Golf Tournament:** The 2008 Golf Tournament is coming up, Friday, May 16th. Sign up your team today! Registration forms are on the website. Contact Matt Adams at [madams@browngay.com](mailto:madams@browngay.com).

*Friday, May 16th  
8 am shotgun start*

*Southwyck Golf Club  
2901 Clubhouse Drive  
Pearland, TX 77584*

**Joint YM Camping Trip:** Houston YMF is joining up with Tyler and Fort Worth YMF groups for a weekend in the outdoors at Lake O' the Pines during the weekend of May 17th. Camp site is located on Big Cypress Creek in the Cypress River Basin, 25 miles northeast of Longview. Items on the itinerary include horseshoes, volleyball, fishing, hiking, etc.

RSVP deadline has passed, but there may still be room. Contact Jared Bowling for more information at [JBowlin@ehrainc.com](mailto:JBowlin@ehrainc.com).

*Weekend of May 17th  
Lake O' the Pines.*

**May Social:** Our monthly Social for May will be held at Sherlock's Baker Street Pub from 5 to 7 p.m. Come ready to network, relax, and have fun!

*Thursday, May 22nd  
5–7 p.m.  
Sherlock's Baker Street Pub  
1001 Westheimer*

*"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."  
Plato*

## YMF COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR, BY KATE FATH

My name is Kate Fath and I am the Younger Member Forum Community Service Chair for 2007-2008. I am originally from Yonkers, NY and moved to Houston this past June. I graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN in May of 2007 with a Bachelors of Engineering in Civil Engineering. I work as a project engineer in land development with

Kimley-Horn and Associates.

As the Community Service Chair, I have organized several outreach opportunities such as Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Family. ASCE's Adopt-a-Highway is a quarterly event and involves maintaining a 5 mile stretch of FM 762 in Richmond, TX. Our Adopt-a-Family event this past December provided a family with gifts for the

Holidays. Funding for the presents was raised through a Younger Member happy hour.

In the spring we plan to have two more community service projects.

If you are interested in getting involved with the community service chair position please feel free to email me at [kate.fath@kimley-horn.com](mailto:kate.fath@kimley-horn.com).

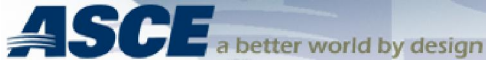
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Check out our website!!!

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CALENDARS: HOUSTON BRANCH

April 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 YM Picnic 11-3 @ Memorial Park
6	7	8	9	10	11 P.E. EXAM	12 F.E. Exam
13	14	15 General ASCE Meeting @ 6 p.m.	16	17	18 Technical Seminar, 6 Hours PDH	19 Boy Scout Fair 11-5 @ Reliant Arena
20	21	22	23	24 YM Social 5-7 pm @ Sherlock's Pub	25	26
27	28	29	30			
May 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Student Chapters' Graduation Party, local park TBD Begins @ 11 am for food, sports, and activities!!
11	12	13	14	15	16 Annual ASCE Golf Tournament	17 YM Joint Camping Trip
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Annual Sandcastle Tournament, Galveston