



## 2016 SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE *PRESS RELEASE*

The Solar Car Challenge is an education program designed to help motivate students in Science, Engineering, and Alternative Energy. We teach high school students how to plan, design, engineer, build, race, and evaluate roadworthy solar cars. Students demonstrate that green technology can create a better world.

*Science & Technology Magazine* named the Solar Car Challenge as one of the top Science & Engineering programs in the country. The Challenge has 161 high school solar car projects in various stages of development in anticipation of an upcoming solar racing event. Teams are located in 32 states, Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas.



**2015 Solar Teams on display at the Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas**

High School teams begin preparation for their year-long project during education workshops scheduled in September 2015. Additional workshops, on-site visits, mentor opportunities, and camps help propel the projects to success. After qualifying, teams get the opportunity to drive their solar cars cross-country from Fort Worth to Minneapolis in July, 2016.

The 2016 Race will feature a new racing division: the ***Electric-Solar Powered Car***. This Division features a two-passenger electric car powered by permanent charging stations. This brings “realism” to solar car racing!

**Qualifying:** Saturday/Sunday July 15-16, 2016 at the Texas Motor Speedway

**Event Begins:** Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> (Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth)

**Event Ends:** Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Minneapolis, MN)

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