

# ASES SOLAR 2026

October 19-21 | Palmer Events Center | Austin, TX

## SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

### REGISTRATION DETAILS:

**Palmer Events Center Lobby:** 900 Barton Springs Rd  
(Hallway outside of Exhibit Hall 2)

- **Monday 10/19:** 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- **Tuesday 10/20:** 7:45 am - 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday 10/21:** 7:45 am - 3:00 pm

*Note: All times are Central Time (CT)*



Set Up



Plenary



Session



Special Event



Workshop/Course



Networking Break

### Sunday, October 18

5:30pm - 8:30pm ☆ **Climate Bat Ride/Walk**

Meet Outside the Front of the Palmer Events Center

### Monday, October 19

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| 9:30am - 2:30pm  | ⚙️ | <b>5 hr NABCEP Course: PV &amp; the NEC Including 2026 NEC</b> <i>(additional ticket required)</i> | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5                                |
| 9:30am - 1:00pm  | ☆  | <b>Austin Local Energy Tour</b> <i>(ticket required)</i>                                           | Meet Outside the Front of the Palmer Events Center |
| 12:30pm - 2:30pm | ☆  | <b>ASES Chapter Forum</b> <i>(open to all conference attendees)</i>                                | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2                                |
| 1:30pm - 4:00pm  | ☆  | <b>Student Symposium with REPowering Schools</b> <i>(Invite Only)</i>                              | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5                                |
| 3:00pm - 4:00pm  | ☆  | <b>Volunteer Training</b> <i>(invite only)</i>                                                     | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2                                |
| 3:30pm - 5:30pm  | ☀️ | <b>Poster &amp; Exhibitor Set Up</b>                                                               | Exhibit Hall 2                                     |
| 4:00pm - 5:30pm  | ☆  | <b>Divisions Forum and Meet &amp; Greet</b> <i>(open to all conference attendees)</i>              | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2                                |
| 6:00pm - 9:00pm  | 🪑  | <b>Opening Plenary Reception: Accelerating Solar Growth on Local, National, &amp; Global Scale</b> | Exhibit Hall 2                                     |

### Tuesday, October 20

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| 7:45am - 8:15am   | ☕  | <b>Networking Coffee Connections</b>                                                                  | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 7:45am - 8:45am   | ⚙️ | <b>BYOP: Tune In, Test Fast, Scale Smart—A New Playbook for Solar Deployment</b> <i>(open to all)</i> | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5 |
| 9:00am - 10:15am  | 🪑  | <b>Plenary: Bill McKibben on Big Lessons on Solar from Texas</b>                                      | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 10:30am - 11:45am | 📺  | <b>Interactive Poster Session 1: Education, Community Impact, &amp; Texas Solar Leadership</b>        | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 10:30am - 11:45am | 📺  | <b>Oral Session 1: Strengthening the Grid with Solar</b>                                              | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 12:00pm - 1:30pm  | ☆  | <b>ASES Awards Luncheon</b> <i>(open to all conference attendees)</i>                                 | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 1:00pm - 3:00pm   | ⚙️ | <b>NABCEP Course with Sean White: Energy Storage Intensive</b> <i>(ticket required)</i>               | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5 |
| 1:45pm - 2:45pm   | 🪑  | <b>Plenary Panel: How Data Centers Are Reshaping Energy Demand</b>                                    | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 3:00pm - 3:30pm   | ☀️ | <b>For Employers &amp; Professionals: Career &amp; Networking Fair Set Up</b>                         | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 3:00pm - 4:15pm   | 📺  | <b>Oral Session 2: Expanding Solar Access With Policy and With Communities</b>                        | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 3:00pm - 4:15pm   | ⚙️ | <b>Designing Climate and Regionally Responsive Custom Homes</b> <i>(open to all)</i>                  | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5 |

## Tuesday, October 20 (continued)

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| 3:30pm - 5:00pm | ☆  | <b>Career &amp; Networking Fair</b> <i>(open all attendees &amp; the public)</i>                                                                | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 4:30pm - 5:45pm | 📺  | <b>Oral Session 3: Education for All Y'all</b>                                                                                                  | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 4:30pm - 5:15pm | ⚙️ | <b>What Three Years of IRA Compliance Taught the Solar Industry: Prevailing Wage, Apprenticeship, &amp; the Road Ahead</b> <i>(open to all)</i> | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5 |
| 5:45pm - 6:30pm | ☆  | <b>Fellows Reception</b> <i>(open to all conference attendees)</i>                                                                              | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 6:30pm - 9:30pm | ☆  | <b>ASES Shine On Solar Gala</b> <i>(additional ticket required)</i>                                                                             | Exhibit Hall 2      |

## Wednesday, October 21

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| 8:00am - 8:45am   | ☕  | <b>Networking Coffee Connections</b>                                                                          | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 8:00am - 8:45am   | ☆  | <b>Spirit &amp; Sustainability Forum</b>                                                                      | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 9:00am - 10:00am  | 📊  | <b>Beyond the Tipping Point: Lessons from Texas on Integrating Supply and Demand</b>                          | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 10:15am - 11:30am | 📺  | <b>Interactive Poster Session 2: Building Solutions, Grid Resilience, and Emerging Technologies</b>           | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 10:15am - 11:30am | 📺  | <b>Oral Session 4: Solar Trailblazing in Texas</b>                                                            | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 11:45am - 1:00pm  | 🍽️ | <b>Industry Spotlight Luncheon: Meet the SOLAR 2026 Conference Sponsors</b> <i>(open to all)</i>              | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 11:45am - 1:00pm  | ☆  | <b>Women in Solar Energy Luncheon</b> <i>(open to all)</i>                                                    | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 1:15pm - 2:15pm   | 🍽️ | <b>Plenary: Building Resilience for All: The Role of Buildings in a Solar-Powered Future</b>                  | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 2:00pm - 5:00pm   | ⚙️ | <b>3 hr NABCEP Course with Sean White: Energy Storage &amp; the NEC</b> <i>(additional ticket required)</i>   | Meeting Rooms 4 & 5 |
| 2:30pm - 3:45pm   | 📺  | <b>Oral Session 5: Emerging Technologies</b>                                                                  | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 2:30pm - 3:45pm   | 📺  | <b>Oral Session 6: Building Solutions to the Climate Crisis</b>                                               | Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | ☆  | <b>Closing Remarks</b>                                                                                        | Exhibit Hall 2      |
| 7:00pm - 9:30pm   | ☆  | <b>Texas Solar Energy Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b> <i>(additional ticket required)</i> | Exhibit Hall 2      |

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Invitation code: **ASESSOLAR2026**



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