

**Press Release
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**Metro Denver Engineering Firms to Vie for Sand Sculpture Title
In Fundraiser to Benefit Local Engineers Without Borders Chapter**

Metro Denver engineering companies ranging from small firms to mega-corporations will be competing head to head (or bucket to bucket) in the *Second Annual Engineers Without Borders Sand Sculpture Contest* at the Soda Lakes Beach in Bear Creek Lake Park in Lakewood.

During the contest to be held on Saturday, August 9th, 10-person teams will have about 3½ hours to sculpt their designs. Each team will mold, pack, and carve its 3 cubic yards of donated sand into shapes that can either be:

- recognized “structures” like castles, buildings, or bridges, or
- anything imaginable in the “open” division.

Park visitors can weigh in on their favorite sculpture(s) by voting for the People’s Choice award. There will also be “free” votes available – one per person.

All this activity will benefit the Denver Chapter of Engineers Without Borders and support its three ongoing international projects, all involving water supply or sanitation, in **Ecuador, Togo, and Madagascar**. The public is invited to watch the fun starting at 8:30 am on August 9th; judging will commence at about 1:00 pm. A daily pass is needed to enter the park: \$5 per carload/\$4 seniors. An impartial panel of judges is being sought. Slots for up to 30 teams are available.

The 2007 Contest, held in conjunction with the Lakewood on Parade Festival in Belmar Park, was a huge success, even with only nine teams.

Photos of some of the sculptures are shown on the next page. The winners will get to take home a tacky trophy but bragging rights will be PRICELESS!

Want to enter a team? You don’t HAVE to be an engineering firm but some technical and artistic experience helps.

Visit www.ewbdenver.org/2008-sand-sculpture for contest details including copies of the rules, the sieve analysis and moisture content of the sand, and the judging forms.





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