

WELCOME TO THE ERC EARTH SPRING SUMMIT March 11-13, 2026 | University of Notre Dame

Schedule At-A-Glance (Eastern Time)

- **Wednesday, March 11** (Closed)
7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Welcome Reception - 215/216 McKenna Hall
- **Thursday, March 12** (Closed) – 215/216 McKenna Hall
7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Research Presentations and Moderated Q&As
2:15 to 3:45 p.m. Poster Sessions
3:45 to 5:45 p.m. Advisory Board Meetings, Career Tools Open House, Project Meetings
6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (Open) Reception and Dinner (Speaker 7:30, Awards 8:00) - Foley's/O'Neill Hall
8:30 to 10:00 p.m. SLC Game Night! - 512 Duncan Student Center
- **Friday, March 13** - (Open)
7:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. (Open) Presentations and Moderated Panel Discussions
1:45 to 3:30 p.m. Laboratory and Campus Tours
3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks - Summit Ends

Closed Sessions include all EARTH faculty, students, and staff, and Industry Consortium members.

Open Sessions include all the above and other invited guests.

Meeting Site – McKenna Hall Conference Center | University of Notre Dame

([view venue](#) and [campus map](#))

- 215/216 Pre-Function Space (Registration, Breakfasts, Lunches, and Breaks)
- 215-216 (Main Sessions, Project Meetings, and Small Group Collaborative Discussions)
- 205/206/207 (Poster Sessions and Career Tools Open House)
- 202 and 204 (Advisory Board Meetings)
- 201 (Event Administration)

Lodging | Room Blocks

- **Morris Inn** ([view website](#)) | 1399 N. Notre Dame Ave, South Bend, IN 46617 | Phone: (574) 631-2000
Check-in: 4:00 p.m.(ET) | Check-out: 11:00 a.m. (ET) | Cancellation Policy: 48 hours before arrival | No-show: one night stay plus taxes | Parking: \$18/vehicle/night; complimentary self-parking: Bookstore West Lot, if open
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites** ([view website](#)) | 1220 E Angela Blvd, South Bend, IN 46617 | (574) 234-5510
Check-in: 3:00 p.m. (ET) | Check-out: 12:00 p.m. (ET) | Cancellation Policy: 48 hours before arrival | No-show: one night stay plus taxes | Parking: self-parking fee of \$13/vehicle/night

Other Local Hotels

Please check your reservation for check-in time, check-out time, cancellation policy, and parking availability.

- [Embassy Suites by Hilton South Bend at Notre Dame](#) | 1140 E Angela Blvd, South Bend, IN 46617 | Phone: (574) 285-0136 | Reservations: <https://www.guestreservations.com/embassy-suites-south-bend-in/>
- [Ivy Court Inn and Suites](#) | 1404 Ivy Ct, South Bend, IN 46637 | Front Desk: (574) 277-6500 | Reservations: (888) 325-2647 | Email: stay@ivycourt.com | Website: <https://www.ivycourt.com/>
- [The Inn at Saint Mary's](#) | 53993 State Hwy 933, South Bend, IN 46637 | Phone: (574) 232-4000 | Email: guestservices@innatsaintmarys.com | Website: <https://innatsaintmarys.com/>
- [Hilton Garden Inn South Bend](#) | 53995 State Hwy 933, South Bend, IN 46637 | Phone: (574) 232-7700 | Reservations: <https://www.guestreservations.com/hilton-garden-inn-south-bend/booking>

Directions, Airports, Ground Transportation

- [Directions to the University of Notre Dame](#)
- Airports – [South Bend International](#), [Chicago O'Hare](#), [Chicago Midway](#)
- [Ground Transportation from Airports](#) – including the South Shore Rail Line
- Additional [Ground Transportation Options](#)

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Campus Parking

- [Campus Visitor Parking](#) | Bus Parking - Innovation Park on Angela Boulevard - [View Map](#)

Wi-Fi Access

Visitors can access Wi-Fi through the ND-Guest network, or use their home institution credentials for Eduroam.

- **Notre Dame-Guest Wi-Fi Network:** Browse available networks on any wireless device.
- **Eduroam Wireless Network:** Connect to any wireless network, go to eduroam.nd.edu and follow the [instructions](#) to configure your device. If you do not connect immediately, reboot your device.
- **Chargers:** Bring your laptop and phone chargers. There are several power towers and wall and floor outlets throughout McKenna Hall.

EARTH Spring Summit Exit Survey

- Your feedback is important to us, as we strive to broaden our communities, strengthen our capabilities, and fulfill the EARTH mission. At the end of the summit, you will receive the survey link and QR code to complete the **EARTH March 2026 Spring Summit Exit Survey**. Please wait until the end, but please complete it soon, while everything is still fresh. We look forward to receiving your invaluable input!

Holy Cross Chapel – Stinson-Remick Hall

- The Holy Cross Chapel in Stinson-Remick Hall (room 102) will be open for reflection and prayer throughout the summit. There is a daily Mass at 8:00 a.m., which is open to the public. Stinson-Remick Hall is located south of McKenna Hall on Notre Dame Avenue. The chapel is past the conference room (room 101) on the right.

Explore Notre Dame - View famous landmarks via [Live Webcam](#).

Explore the South Bend Area ([restaurants and things to do](#))

Local Restaurants

- [Eddy Street Commons](#) (adjacent to Notre Dame): [O'Rourke's Public House](#) | [Brothers Bar & Grill](#)
- Downtown South Bend: [LaSalle Grill](#) | [Café Navarre](#) | [Fiddler's Hearth](#)
- Mishawaka and Granger: [Corndance Tavern](#) | [Ruth's Chris Steak House](#) | [Brasserie 23](#)

Performing Arts & Museums

- [DeBartolo Performing Arts Center](#), 100 Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (574) 631-2995
- [The Morris Performing Arts Center](#), 211 N. Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601, (574) 235-9190
- [Raclin Murphy Museum of Art](#), 100 Moose Krause Cir Notre Dame, IN 46556, (574) 631-5466
- [South Bend Museum of Art](#), 120 S Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601, (574) 235-9102
- [Studebaker National Museum](#), 201 Chapin Street, South Bend, IN 46601, (574) 235-9714
- [The History Museum](#), 808 W Washington St South Bend, IN 46601, (574) 235-9664
- [Copshaholm House Museum](#), 808 W Washington St South Bend, IN 46601, (574) 235-9664
- [Children's Museum of South Bend](#), 2632 S Michigan St South Bend, IN 46614, (574) 222-2044

Indoor Recreation Centers

- [Generations AdventurePlex](#), 1018 W Edison Rd Mishawaka, IN 46545, (574) 855-1095
- [Strikes & Spares Entertainment Center](#), 5419 Grape Rd Mishawaka, IN 46545, (574) 243-2695
- [Sky Zone Trampoline Park](#), 5604 Grape Rd Mishawaka, IN 46545, (574) 208-5005

Parks & Recreation

- [St. Joseph County Parks](#) | St. Patrick's County Park [Live Bald Eagle Cam](#) and [Notre Dame linked Experimental Ecosystem Facility](#) | [Howard Park](#), 219 S St Louis Blvd, South Bend, IN 46617, (574) 299-4765
- [Mishawaka Parks](#) | Mishawaka Riverwalk, N Spring St, Mishawaka, IN 46544, (574) 258-1664 | Ironworks Plaza Ice Rink, 410 N Hill St, Mishawaka, IN 46544 | George Wilson Park, 2605 Clover Road, Mishawaka, IN 46544

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The EARTH Summit now has an App!



We are excited to announce the EARTH Event Hub to streamline your ERC EARTH Spring Summit experience. You will find the meeting agenda, location maps and details, your personal conference ID and more. **To get started, download the Engineering Connector app from the App Store and follow the directions in the attached app instructions to gain access to the EARTH Spring Summit Event Hub and Summit information.** We hope you are as excited as we are for the Summit. See you soon!

- The ERC EARTH Team

Three-Day Weather Forecast (as of March 10, 2026)

Wed 11 | Night

28° 

19%
NW 20 mph

Windy. Cloudy skies will become clear late. Low 28F. Winds NW at 20 to 30 mph.

Humidity	76%	UV Index	0 of 11
Moonrise	3:38 am	Moonset	12:04 pm
Last Quarter			

Thu 12 | Day

46° 

5%
W 13 mph

Sunshine and some clouds. High 46F. Winds W at 10 to 15 mph.

Humidity	58%	UV Index	4 of 11
Sunrise	8:01 am	Sunset	7:48 pm

Thu 12 | Night

38° 

45%
S 22 mph

Becoming windy with showers developing later at night. Low 38F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 50%. Higher wind gusts possible.

Humidity	59%	UV Index	0 of 11
Moonrise	4:30 am	Moonset	12:59 pm
Waning Crescent			

Fri 13 | Day

46° 

24%
WSW 26 mph

Mostly cloudy and windy. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 46F. Winds WSW at 25 to 35 mph.

Humidity	57%	UV Index	3 of 11
Sunrise	8:00 am	Sunset	7:49 pm

Fri 13 | Night

27° 

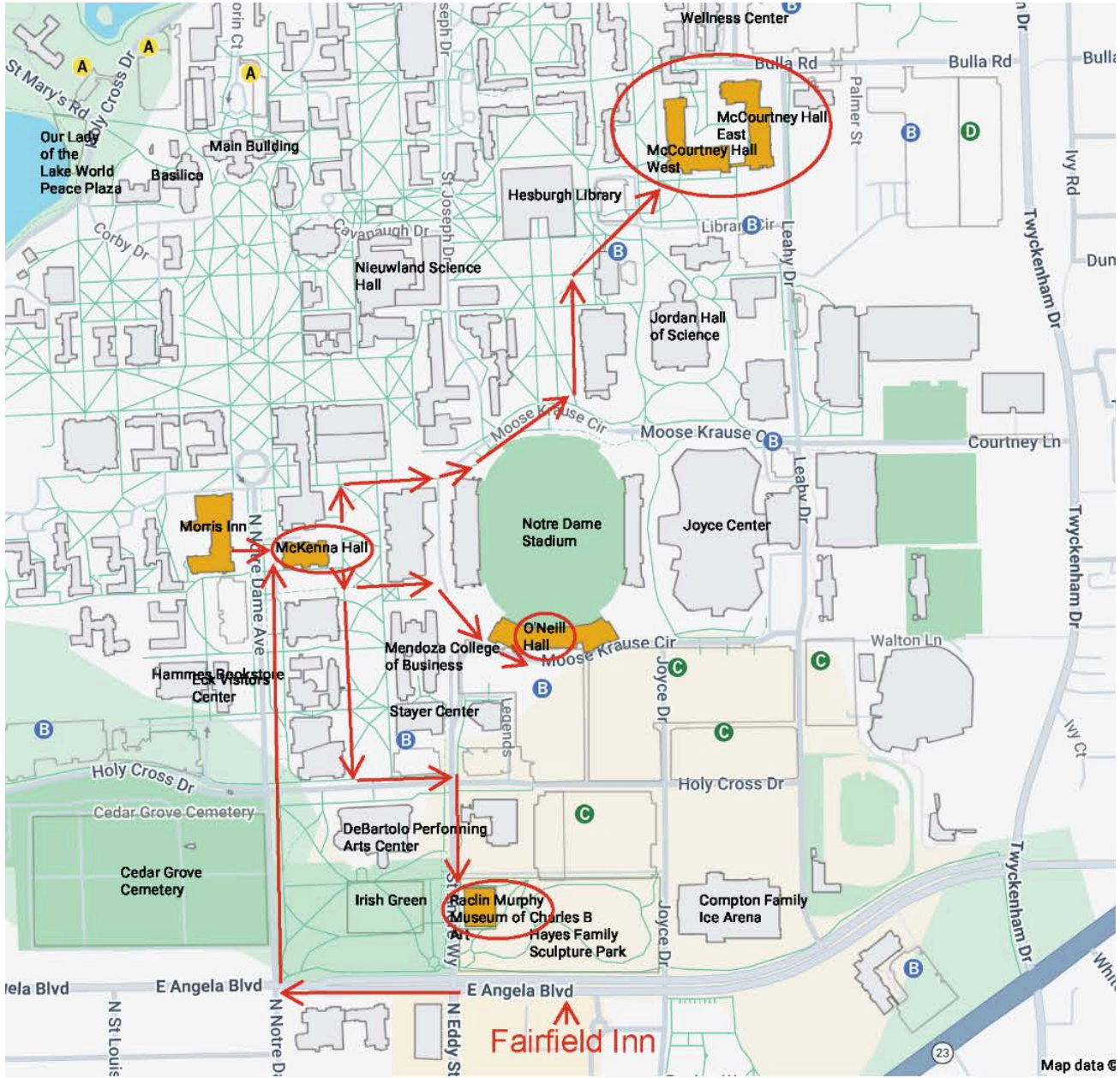
8%
NW 20 mph

A few clouds. Low 27F. NW winds at 15 to 25 mph, decreasing to 5 to 10 mph.

Humidity	65%	UV Index	0 of 11
Moonrise	5:15 am	Moonset	2:00 pm
Waning Crescent			

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Notre Dame Campus Map and Walking Map

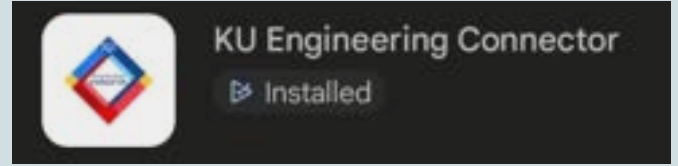


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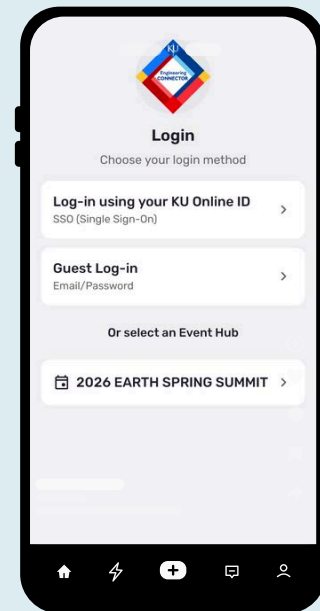
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Accessing the *EARTH* Summit Event App

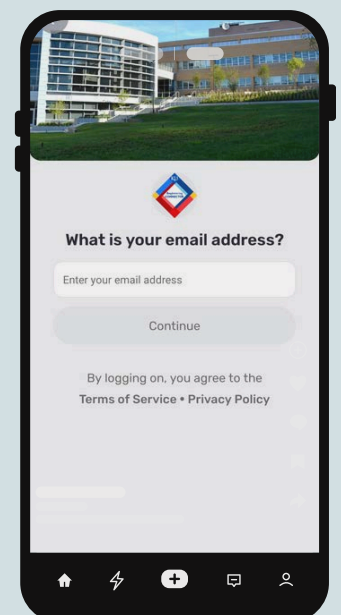
1. Download the App. Available on the Apple App Store & Google Play Store under the name "**KU Engineering Connector**".



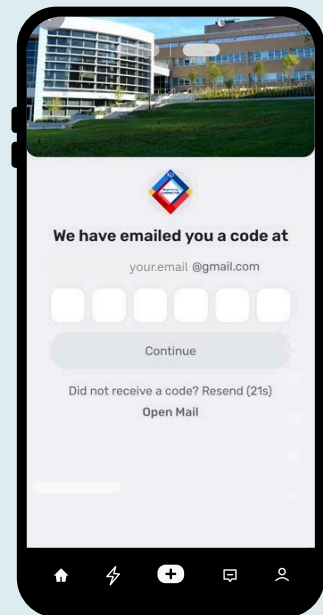
2. Upon opening, select the Event Hub "2026 EARTH SPRING SUMMIT"



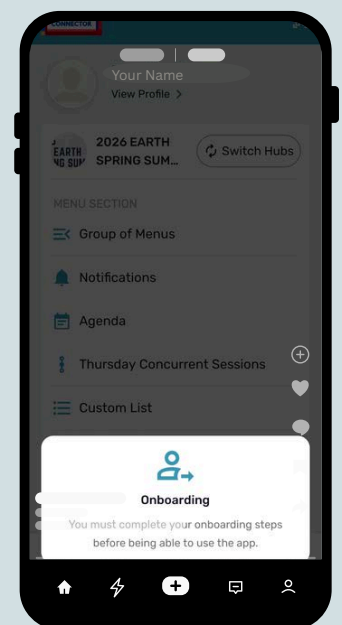
3. Enter your email address to receive a sign-in code, allowing them to log in without needing a student ID.



4. Check your email and enter the code sent by **CampusGroups**. If you do not see the email within a few minutes, check your Junk folder.



5. You will be prompted to complete onboarding. You can add profile details or click through to complete without adding any further information.



You now have access to the 2026 EARTH SPRING SUMMIT.

Explore event sessions, check out our speakers and preparing for an energizing few days at the University of Notre Dame.