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### Ashland Inc., Piedmont Plant Tour: April 8, 2014

There will be no charge for the dinner and but attendance will be capped at 25.

Ashland Inc. is a global specialty chemical company that provides products, services and solutions throughout a variety of industries. Ashland's business operates in four segments: Ashland Specialty Ingredients; Ashland Water Technologies; Ashland Performance Materials and Ashland Consumer Markets. The company operates in 100 countries and is headquartered in Covington, KY. The Piedmont Plant is part of the Ashland Specialty Ingredient segment. The polymerization plant makes water-based pressure sensitive adhesives, atmospheric emulsions and epoxy resins and coatings. The facility employs approximately 50 people and has 3 batch reactor systems and 5 blenders.

Standard meeting times will apply:

Arrive at 410 Old Pelzer Road, Piedmont, SC 29642, between 6:00-6:30.  
Dinner will be at 6:30 with presentation and tour to follow.

#### Directions: From I-85

- Take exit 44 for SC20/White Horse Rd/Piedmont Hwy toward US-25
- Take exit 44A on the left for SC20/Piedmont Hwy
- Turn left onto SC-20 S/Piedmont Hwy and travel 3.8 miles
- Turn left onto Old Pelzer Rd. and travel 1 mile
- Destination will be on the right

National/local AIChE chapter members that RSVP by Friday, April 4, 2014, will be given precedence over non-members and guests. Latest RSVP is Monday 1PM.

### Three ways to RSVP

Old fashioned phone call to Secretary - Conny Walker (864) 483-2920

Turn-of-the-century email to the same at [sec@wscaiche.org](mailto:sec@wscaiche.org)

RSVP using our Facebook Event - [April Meeting - Ashland Chemical Tour!](#)

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## **Special Awards to be Given at the District Science Fair on April 1, 2014**

Mary Ferris will be awarding monetary prizes on behalf of AIChE on the evening of April 1, 2014 to the following projects:

**Senior Division**  
**The Efficiency of Biodiesel vs Diesel**

**Junior Division**  
**What Contains More CO<sub>2</sub> ?**  
**Efficiency of Various Models of Wind Turbines**  
**Volume of Helium vs Lifting**

Thanks to all who took the time to take part in judging these projects at the Roper Mountain Science Center on March 24, 2014.

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## **Clemson Student Chapter AIChE Happenings**

Western Carolina Section of AIChE is happy to support the annual Clemson AIChE Spring Pig Roast. This will take place on April 25th 6-8PM at Bay Shore Picnic Area in Clemson, SC.

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## **Give a Gift of AIChE Membership for Just \$49**

The AIChE Board of Directors has created a Membership Gift Program where active members of AIChE can give the gift of membership to a deserving engineer, at a special price of only \$49. Then pay an extra \$12 to become a local WSC AIChE Chapter member – for less than a night out you can give a friend all the connections and benefits associated with being a member of AIChE

Follow this link for more information: [AIChE \\$49 Gift Membership](#)

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## **2014-2015 WSC AIChE Officers Nominations**

It's that time again when we submit nominees for next year's officers. Nominations are due by the conclusion of our April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. They may be submitted to any of the current officers. Please help make it happen!!

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## **May 2014 Meeting still needs to be announced!**

We are still undecided about our final meeting in May - We have, in the past, made this a weekend family event, but are open to suggestions. Please contact your officers or executive committee members by May 15, 2014 with your ideas.

## 2013-2014 Officers and Executive Committee

This is YOUR local section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Please contact any Officer or Executive Committee member listed below with your suggestions, ideas and/or concerns.

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