Other Activities

You will have the opportunity to go on various field trips, including an underground mine to view blasting operations, a quarry to view surface blasting, and a trip to Premier Pyrotechnics.

Question & Answers

Who gets to go? Fifteen Junior and Senior high school students per camp who are interested in enrolling at S&T and are at least 16 by the first day of camp.

How much attention will I get? Course staff to student ratio is normally 1 per 4 to 5 students, unprecedented anywhere!

How do I get selected? Send the following
1) One page resume
2) 500 word essay on “Why I am interested in a career focusing on the application of explosives”
3) A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor to:

Mining and Nuclear Engineering
226 McNutt Hall
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Rolla, MO 65409

How much does it cost? The cost per student is $1,450, including room and board.

How will I know if I get selected? We will notify you by email around June 22nd.

Who do I contact if I have other questions? You can send an email to: caseysc@mst.edu

Don’t waste time! Application deadline is June 8th, 2021

S&T Experimental Mine ranked #1 in Popular Science’s Awesome College Lab Ranking. September 2010 and 2011 issues.

2015 campers prepare to shoot in the S&T underground mine

2010 Camp participant at Capital Quarry programming electronic detonator on a surface shot

2010 Camp participant going underground at The Doe Run Co.

2021 Summer Explosives Camps

#35 August 8 - August 13

http://explosives.mst.edu

Missouri’s Technological University and #1 ranked Public University
What Will You Learn?

Ever wonder how dynamite works? How about fireworks? At our Summer Explosives Camp, you will not only learn how these things work, you will be able to get hands-on experience! You will learn:

1. Safety precautions when handling explosives
2. How to prime and shoot dynamite
3. Where explosives are used
4. What explosives related careers are available
5. How underground blasts work
6. Basics of explosives demolition
7. How pyrotechnics are used in special effects
8. How to make a 3" fireworks shell
9. How to set up a fireworks display
10. How to use a fire extinguisher :)

and much more!

What Will You Do?

At our Summer Explosives Camp you will have the unique opportunity to have hands-on learning experience with explosives: the first and best camp of its kind! The camp comprises a variety of lectures, demonstrations, handling & shooting of explosives, field trips, projects and culminates in the setup and shooting of a fireworks display.

Camp encompasses detonators, high explosives, blasting agents, rock blasting, display fireworks and demolition. You will have a behind-the-scenes look at how explosives are used in industry and in entertainment. But the number one thing that you will do at the Summer Explosives Camp is have fun!

Opening Night for the 2007 Camp. Close Proximity Pyro in front of the Havener Center

S&T
Mining & Explosives Engineering Programs

The Missouri University of Science and Technology (S&T) was founded in 1870 as the Missouri School of Mines. In 2021 it celebrates 150 years of classes which at its inception through 1920 were centered on the mining industry. Even though S&T has expanded to include many other majors, mining is still at its heart. The department has an exceptional reputation and is one of the top programs in both the US and world. Students gain hands-on experience at the departments experimental mine and work with world renowned faculty. The students take what they learn in the classroom and use it in the real world. Our graduates are highly sought after, receiving job offers as high as $87,000 pa. Using its reputation in the field of explosives engineering, the department has aggressively expanded its explosives classes. S&T was the first university to offer an explosives emphasis in 1997, a minor was added in 2005, a Masters in 2010, and in 2014 a Ph.D. in explosives engineering. We have literally hundreds of graduates with explosives degrees and certificates including over 100 graduates with Explosives Masters since 2010.


“I just love this job! Where else could you get to blow up such a variety of stuff!” Lead Instructor: Professor Paul Worsey. Co-Host of “The Detonators” on Discovery Channel and seen on TLC (Demolition Day Seattle Kingdom), the Discovery Channel (3 Rivers Stadium), and National Geographic (Demolition Dynasty) and the winner of the 2002 International Society of Explosives Engineers President’s Award, 2018 Industry Service Award and many other awards.