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Annual Meeting of the SME Arizona Conference
Mining professionals, dignitaries and students to gather in Tucson

Registration is now open for the 2016 SME Arizona Conference, hosted by the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc., December 4-5 at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa. The conference provides technical updates from projects in the Southwest United States and Mexico, and region-specific sessions, speakers and activities.

The keynote speaker is Victoria Peacey, Senior Manager of Environmental Permitting at Resolution Copper. Technical sessions are hosted by leading innovators and technology specialists and include:

- Environmental
- Metallurgy/ Mineral Processing
- Blasting
- Geology
- New Projects
- Mining

Conference organizers have joined with the Mining Foundation of the Southwest and the SME Student Section at the University of Arizona to coordinate each group’s events at the Starr Pass Resort in order to emphasize the strength of the mining industry in Arizona. To kick things off, the annual Diggers & Duffers Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 on world famous links that meander through the hills and arroyos of the desert landscape. The proceeds from this tournament will offset travel expenses and registration for SME Student Chapter members who would like to attend the 2017 SME Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, CO.

The Mining Foundation of the Southwest will conduct its 33rd Annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet and Fundraiser, also on Saturday. Awards include the Medal of Merit, Special Citation and Industry Partnership. Proceeds from the fundraiser go directly to the Foundation’s Educational Outreach Program.

For more information on the SME Arizona Conference, visit www.smearizonaconference.com/.

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