

**University of Washington**  
**College of Engineering Open House 2008**  
**April 25 and 26, 2008**

**OVERVIEW**

**Purpose:**

Every year, the College of Engineering hosts an Open House for the public. Specifically targeting 4-12 grades, Open House provides students with an opportunity to learn about engineering and receive inspiration to pursue engineering fields in college and professionally.

Although our primary target is 4-12 grade students, we have individuals of all ages and backgrounds attend. We have pre-school age kids with their parents, home school students, school field trips (from across the state), prospective transfer students, alumni, and those in our surrounding communities attend the annual event. In 2007, over 10,000 individuals attended.

This year's Open House will once again be in conjunction with the campus wide "Washington Weekend" held April 25-26, 2008. More information at:  
<http://www.washington.edu/alumni/weekend/>

**Benefits:**

Programs and departments receive many benefits from participating in Open House.

Specifically, Open House:

- Provides a great opportunity for departments and programs to show off their work.
- Introduces the public to engineering and shows that the University of Washington cares about the public.
- Provides a great outreach opportunity for departments/programs to reach out to prospective students.
- Shows that the University of Washington is a resource to the community.
- Paves the way for future funding.
- Creates scientifically literate citizens.