The Society of Physics Students is a group for those interested in physics, regardless of their major. Meetings every Tuesday at 8pm! Sign up for our mailing list to receive our emails about meetings and events. Check out our upcoming event schedule below!

💖 SPS

SPS is now active on social media! Check out our pages:

- Facebook group (the one you can join and post)
- Facebook page (the one where SPS officers post)
- Twitter: @PhySoc_Illinois
- Snapchat: @spsillinois
- Contact us at sps.at.illinois@gmail.com

Who We Are

Society of Physics Students is a student organization whose members share a
common interest in physics. We have a wide range of members including both physics majors and people from many other areas of study. Through the society, we attempt to expand our knowledge of physics and occasionally blow stuff up. Throughout the year our events include Engineering Open House, a day trip to either Argonne National Lab or Fermi Lab, pizza meetings, various tutorials taught by our very own (LaTeX, Python, Mathematica, etc.), science and engineering outreach events, IlliniThon, lab tours, and much more!

General Meeting Time

Our general meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM in Loomis Lab 222 unless otherwise noted.

Pizza Meetings

Every few weeks on a Friday we invite a fan-favorite professor to hang out and eat pizza with us. These gatherings give students and faculty members a wonderful opportunity to come together in a casual, extracurricular setting. Topics discussed range far and wide, so don’t be worried that you might find yourself lingering awkwardly in the background during some heated physics debate - they're few and far-between at these meetings. We're all friends, so please come join us for great pizza and fun conversation. The cost is typically about $5.

Engineering Open House (EOH)

During the spring semester, the members of Society of Physics Students participate in Engineering Open House. It's a huge science fair hosted by the College of Engineering. This event is a great opportunity for students to build some pretty cool science projects. Approximately 20,000 visitors come from all over the world to witness brilliant young students come together to show their stuff. Past projects include: E&M ring launcher, Van de Graaff generator, Tesla coil, Michelson interferometer, Jacob's ladder, Ionocraft, Spark chamber, and Self-Siphoning Beads.

Zone Meeting 2018
Our SPS chapter will be hosting the zone 8 meeting February 23-24th! We are very excited to invite all SPS members in zone 8. So far, we've got a great faculty talk lined up, workshops about grad school and physics in industry, tours of UIUC physics labs, and a lot of time dedicated to student research. More information can be found on our website: https://publish.illinois.edu/spszonemeeting2018/

To register for this meeting, please go to the form at this link here: https://my.physics.illinois.edu/eventreg/index.asp?id=1162. That form is for registration + payment only. The registration fee is $15, prior to the deadline of February 12 - a little less than a month away! After your registration is confirmed, you will be able to submit your research presentation information (poster/oral session, title, abstract), through the form on our website. The password for that form is given in a confirmation email after your initial registration. We hope to see a lot of SPS members from all areas of zone 8, so register today! Some things in the schedule may change, and our website is always being updated, so keep an eye out for that. If you have any questions, please email the UIUC SPS officers at spszone8@physics.illinois.edu

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