

ASCE Texas
*STUDENT
SYMPOSIUM*

APRIL 10-13, 2019

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

THE ASCE TEXAS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM IS HOME TO THE TEXAS-MEXICO STUDENT CONFERENCE'S COMBINED COMPETITIONS FOR BLUE SKY AND CONCRETE CANOE

HOSTED BY:

ASCE

STUDENT CHAPTER

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley

March 18, 2019

Mailer III

Texas-Mexico ASCE Student Chapters,

Attached you will find relevant information regarding the 2019 ASCE Texas Student Symposium. Please review the contents carefully as they contain critical details necessary in your preparations for the upcoming symposium. Although the information contained is primarily for those from each university planning to compete, it is important to **share this and any future information with all attendees**, regardless of whether they will compete. You will find all information shared in this package, Mailer III, mirrored on the symposium website for further reference www.TexASCE.org/studentsymposium. This content will include:

- Important Dates
- Registration Details
- Fee Schedule
- Hotel Accommodations
- Competition Information and Rules Website
- Preliminary Symposium Schedule of Events
- ASCE National Eligibility Requirements
- NEW and Important Information
- Instructions how to Unload Concrete Canoe
- Overall – Map of South Padre Island

The 2019 ASCE Texas Student Symposium, *Building Communities Across Borders (Construyendo Comunidades a Través de Fronteras)*, will be held April 10-13, 2019 at the South Padre Island Convention Center, South Padre Island, Texas.

If you have any questions, or concerns, feel free to contact us at (utrgv.asce@gmail.com). All information given will be posted on www.TexASCE.org/studentsymposium. Also, follow our [2019 Texas ASCE Student Symposium](#) Facebook page for updates and use **#txmxasce19** on social media to share the excitement.

Best,

Oscar Hernandez

2018 President, Symposium Planner

Brenda Salazar

2018 Vice President, Symposium Planner

Enrique Pena,

2018 Vice President, Symposium Planner

Sabrina Guerra,

2018 Secretary, Symposium Planner

Ivan G. Rodriguez

2018 Treasurer, Symposium Planner



Important Dates:

Please pay close attention to the following dates as they effect registration fees and your performance in the competitions.

Email Mailer Confirmation	Due 11:59 pm CT	November 11, 2018
Annual Student Paper Presentation Competition** (<u>participation required</u>)	Due 5:00 pm CT	January 15, 2019
Mailer II Release Date		January 16, 2019
Online School Registration for Teams & Individuals	Due 11:59 pm CT	February 15, 2019
<u>ASCE Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students</u> (<u>participation not required</u>)	Due 11:59 pm CT	March 1, 2019
Concrete Canoe Technical Paper*	Due 5:00 pm CT	March 13, 2019
Blue Sky Competition Proposal*	Due 5:00 pm CT	March 13, 2019
Mailer III Release Date		March 18, 2019
Online Late Registration Ends	Due 11:59 pm CT	March 22, 2019
Annual Research Poster Competition Abstract	Due 11:30 am CT	April 2, 2019
2019 Texas – Mexico Student Conference & ASCE Texas Student Symposium		April 10 – 13, 2019

*Hard copies must be mailed to:

ATTN Cynthia Amoles Syvarth
 Alan Plummer Associates
 6300 La Calma Dr STE 400
 Austin, TX 78572-8325

**Electronic Submittal must be e-mailed to texmexjudge@gmail.com

Registration Details:

All registration will be completed through the ASCE Texas Section website:

<http://www.TexasASCE.org/studentsymposium>

All individuals must register. Also, each team must register and list the names of all team members and specify in what events listed below they will be participating. Additionally, every team participant must also complete an individual registration.

- Concrete Canoe
- Blue Sky Competitions Contest
- Student Paper Presentation Competition
- Concrete Bowling
- Concrete Frisbee
- Research Poster Competition
- Mystery Design

Note:

More information will be released regarding on-site registration near the close of late registration.

Payments may be completed by credit card during online registration or a check made out to “ASCE Texas Section” may be mailed to:

ATTN: Student Symposium 2019
ASCE Texas Section
1524 S Interstate Highway 35, Ste 180
Austin, TX 78704

Fee Schedule:

Team Registration:

- Concrete Canoe - \$300
- Blue Sky - \$200
- Concrete Bowling - \$75
- Concrete Frisbee - \$75
- Mystery Design - \$75

Individual Registration:

- ~~Student Registration - \$100~~
- Student Registration (late) - \$150

Please be aware Individual Registration includes:

- Career Fair
- Conference T-Shirt
- Professional Mixer
- Student Mixer
- Awards Banquet Dinner (Saturday)
- Lunch: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
- Dinner: Thursday & Friday
- Snacks: Thursday & Friday

Hotel Accommodations:

The symposium will be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center, located on the north part of South Padre Island, Texas. In order for the host school to receive the full financial incentive and continue to subsidize annual registration cost for the symposium, please be sure to reserve your rooms in the hotel provided below. **We appreciate your support and careful attention to these details.**

- ***Schlitterbahn Beach Resort***

Phone: (956) 761-1160

Toll Free: (855) 472-3262

Address: 100 Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, TX 78597

Group Name: ASCE Texas Student Symposium

Promotional Code (Group ID): 557058

Link to reservation site:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1381&skipfirstpage=true&page=557058>

Competition Information and Rules:

- ❖ ***Student Symposium 2019:***

The 2019 ASCE Texas – Mexico Regional Student Competitions will be held at South Padre Island Convention Center.

South Padre Island Convention Center
7355 Padre Blvd,
South Padre Island, TX 78597

- ❖ ***Concrete Canoe:***

The Concrete Canoe races are scheduled to be held at the **Dolphin Cove** facilities located at:

33174 State Park Rd 100,
South Padre Island, TX 78597

The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:

https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Conferences_and_Events/Event_Subpages/Content_Pieces/nccc_rules_and_regulations_2019.pdf

- ❖ ***Blue Sky Competitions Contest:***

This competition is new and has been established by ASCE for the 2019 Student Symposium. The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:

https://www.asce.org/uploadedFiles/Membership_and_Communities/Student_Chapters/Content_Pieces/2019-blue-sky-competition-rules.pdf

- ❖ ***Student Paper Presentation Competition:***

The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Annual-Student-Technical-Paper-Competition-rules.pdf>

- ❖ Concrete Bowling:
The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:
https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concrete-Bowling_Rules.pdf
- ❖ Concrete Frisbee:
The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:
https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concrete-Frisbee_Rules.pdf
- ❖ Research Poster Competition:
This year is the 2nd year this annual poster competition is held. The rules for the competition can be found on the following webpage:
<https://www.texasce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2nd-Annual-Research-Poster-Competition.pdf>
- ❖ Mystery Design:
The rules will be provided the day of the competition.

Preliminary Symposium Schedule of Events

The schedule is provided below, please use this schedule to plan accordingly. Any changes will be provided within the Symposium App and within the printed Symposium Itinerary to be provided upon check-in. Unless noted, all events take place at the South Padre Island Convention Center.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019	
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm CT	Registrant and Check – In
5:00 – 9:30 pm CT	*Canoe trailer parking & unloading <i>ONLY this day and times*</i>
5:00 – 9:30 pm CT	Vendor and Career Booth (<i>Early Set Up</i>)
7:30 – 8:30 pm CT	Concrete Canoe Captain’s Meeting
8:30 – 9:30 pm CT	Judges Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2019	
6:00 am – 8:00 am CT	Concrete Canoe Set Up
6:00 am – 8:00 am CT	Vendor & Career Booth Set Up
8: 00 am – 4:30 pm CT	Registration, Check – In, Poster Competition Display, Concrete Canoe Display Judging, Concrete Canoe Presentations, Professionals & Student Seminars & Career Fair
12:00 – 1:00 pm CT	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 pm CT	Career Fair ONLY
1:00 – 4:30 pm CT	Blue Sky Competition Presentation
3:00 – 3:30 pm CT	Break
6:30 – 10:00 pm CT	Student/Professional Mixer at Claytons Beach Bar
Friday, April 12, 2019	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm CT	Registration, Check – In, Career Fair, Vendor Exhibits, Concrete Canoe Display, Professional & Student Seminars & Career Fair, Annual Student Paper Presentation Competition
8:00 am – 5:00 pm CT	Professional Headshot Photography <i>(AS PER SIGN UP SHEET RECORDED)</i>
8:00 am – 12:00 pm CT	Research Poster Competition Presentation & Interviews
9:00 am – 5:00 pm CT	Poster Competition Displays Judging
12:00 – 1:00 pm CT	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 pm CT	Career Fair ONLY
2:00 – 5:00 pm CT	Mystery Competition
3:00 – 3:30 pm CT	Break
5:00 – 6:00 pm CT	Student Business Meeting
7:00 – 9:00 pm CT	Student Mixer at Schlitterbahn Resort
5:30 – 7:00 pm CT	Park trailers with Canoe at Dolphin Cove Park
Saturday, April 13, 2019	
Start time will be announced 04/12/2019 at Symposium Attendify App. – 5:30 pm CT	Concrete Canoe Races at Dolphin Cove Park
6:30 – 7:30 am CT	Concrete Canoe Set Up
7:30 am – 12:00 pm CT	Concrete Frisbee Competition
12:00 – 1:00 pm CT	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 pm CT	Concrete Bowling Competition
7:00 – 10:00 pm CT	Awards Banquet at South Padre Island Convention Centre

ASCE National Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have submitted their Annual Report and paid their Annual Dues, as received by ASCE, prior to the start of the Student Conference; and

FOR CONCRETE CANOE ONLY - Have submitted their student chapter full Annual Report in time to be graded (reports submitted on or before February 1, 2019 meet this qualification), and have scored within the top two-thirds (2/3) of all student chapters. **Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify;** and

- b. Act appropriately. As representatives of ASCE and the civil engineering profession, all competition and conference participants are expected to and must act professionally and courteously. The use of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substance is strictly prohibited.

Note: Invitations to Conference and National Competitions are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act appropriately can result in letters of reprimand, mandatory behavior management plans, and loss of invitations to further competition for individual institutions and/or entire conferences.

2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Conference as shown through their school's:
 - a. Good faith participation in the Student Conference Business Meeting (at least one (1) student representative present at the start of the Business Meeting);
 - b. Good faith participation in the Student Conference Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by at least one (1) member of the ASCE Student Chapter, not necessarily a member of the concrete canoe team; and
 - c. Meeting any additional requirements of Student Conference participation set by the Student Conference at the previous year's business meeting or in their written and approved by-laws, standing rules, or constitution

NEW and Important Information:

- Students must park their canoe & trailer at Dolphin Cove Park the night before the races (Friday, April 12, 2019) to have a reserved spot.
- Be aware that students staying at Schlitterbahn Resort have a discounted all-day pass to the water park on Saturday and Sunday for \$30.
- Fee's to access Dolphin Cove Facility (located inside Isla Blanca Park):
 - Cars / Trucks: \$10.00
 - Buses: \$35.00
 - Pedestrians/ Bicycles: FREE
 - *Please be aware ONLY students with Concrete Canoe, Frisbee and Bowling teams will be covered.*
 - *Concrete Canoe Teams entrance ticket will be provided during Wednesday's Captains' Meeting.*
 - *Concrete Frisbee and Bowling teams will be provided with entrance ticket during Wednesday's registration.*
 - *Facility is walking distance from Schlitterbahn Beach Resort (approx. 1 mile)*
- Don't forget Saturday's race will be "Picnic themed" and we recommend you bring:
 - Sunblock
 - Water shoes
 - Lounge chairs/ beach towels
- Please download Attendify app found in App Store, search for event "Student Symposium 2019 at SPI" and stay active for surprises.
- On-site Registration (full conference) will be \$200 for everyone cash and cards accepted.
- Faculty Advisors and Practitioner Advisors may register as "Students" but be aware that the price is the same as professionals at this time since we only have "late registration" available for students.
- Please sign up using the below link to reserve a time slot for "Professional Headshot Photography" on Friday, April 12, 2019:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rf16ZN72WCNHMD1xnHAGTv28E0Xun6EZsdMtUa1Ew1o/edit#gid=837904472>
- Clarification on questions regarding Concrete Bowling Rules:

The rules read: The major constituent of the ball (at least 60%) must be hydraulic Portland cement. No prepacked or premixed concrete may be used.

- I feel we should remove the "(at least 60%)" from the rules. As long as the ball is not made out of prepackaged or premixed concrete cement mix it should be fine.

The durability portion states: If a ball loses more than 40% of its total weight, it will be disqualified.

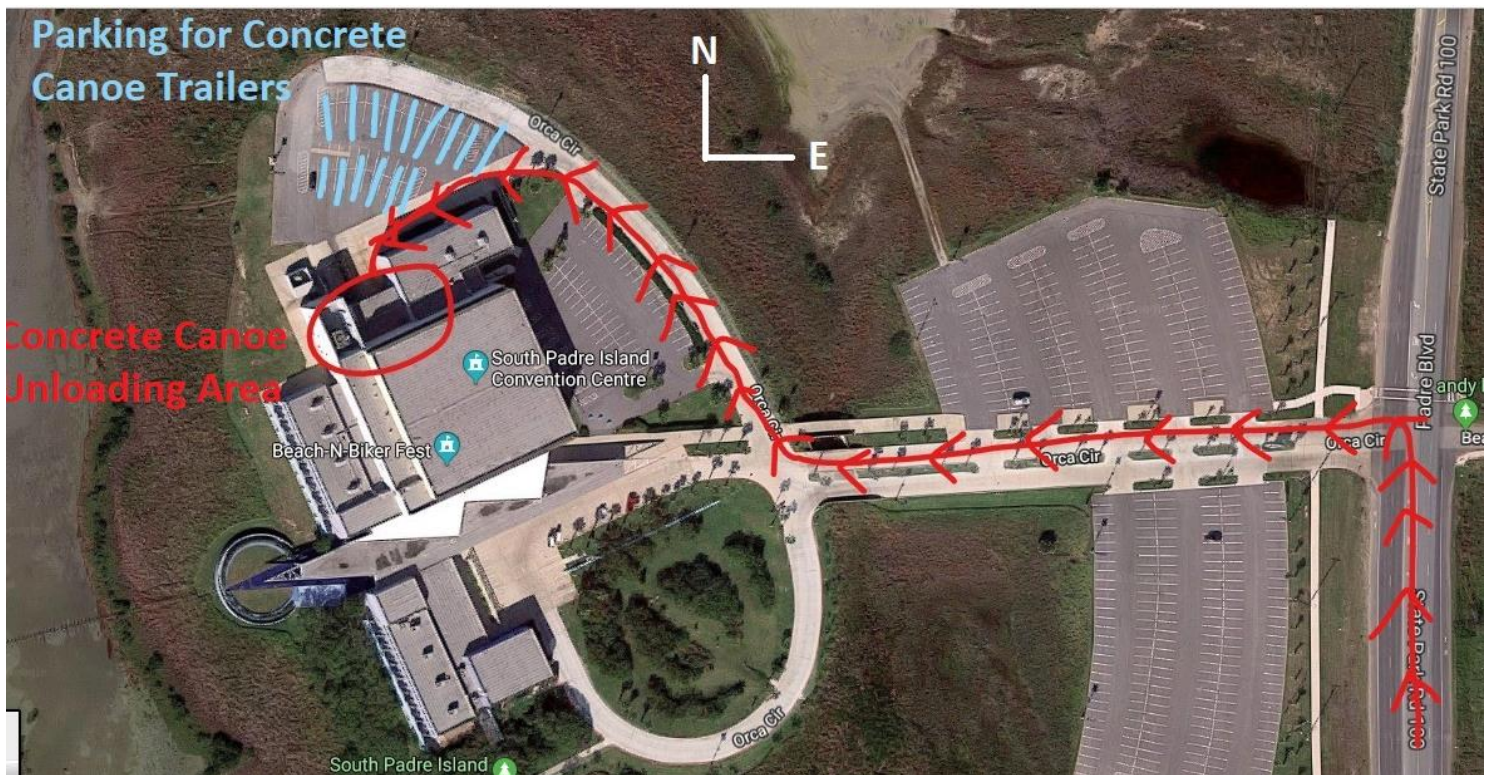
- Meaning if the bowling ball breaks for some reason during the competition and 40% of its total weight is loss then there will be a disqualification, it is less than 40% then there is no more disqualification. A damaged ball may be used after the first roll, but it must roll to the pins (no throwing).

If there are any other questions regarding Concrete Bowling Rules, please feel free to contact Student Chapter President at Oscar.hernandez02@utrgv.edu.

Instructions how to Unload Concrete Canoe:

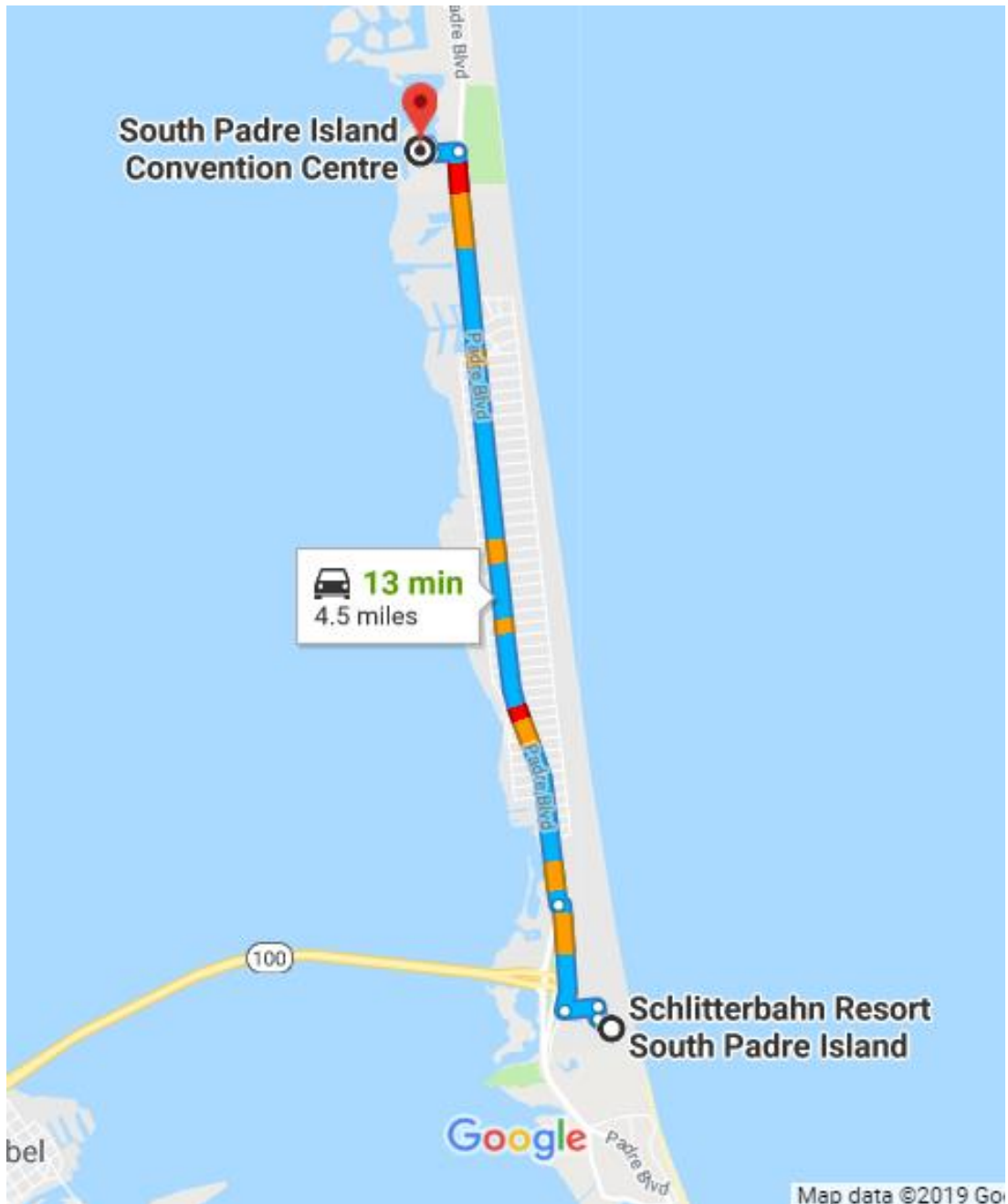
Information how/where to park student trailers:

- Students should drive to the back of the Centre to load in the canoes There is a warehouse door they can pull in and unload at a time.
- The vehicles and trailers can be parked at the Centre or they can park the trailer and use the vehicle for transportation, but they leave it at their own risk. Convention Center nor the City of South Padre Island can be responsible for loss or damage.
- View map for clarifications:

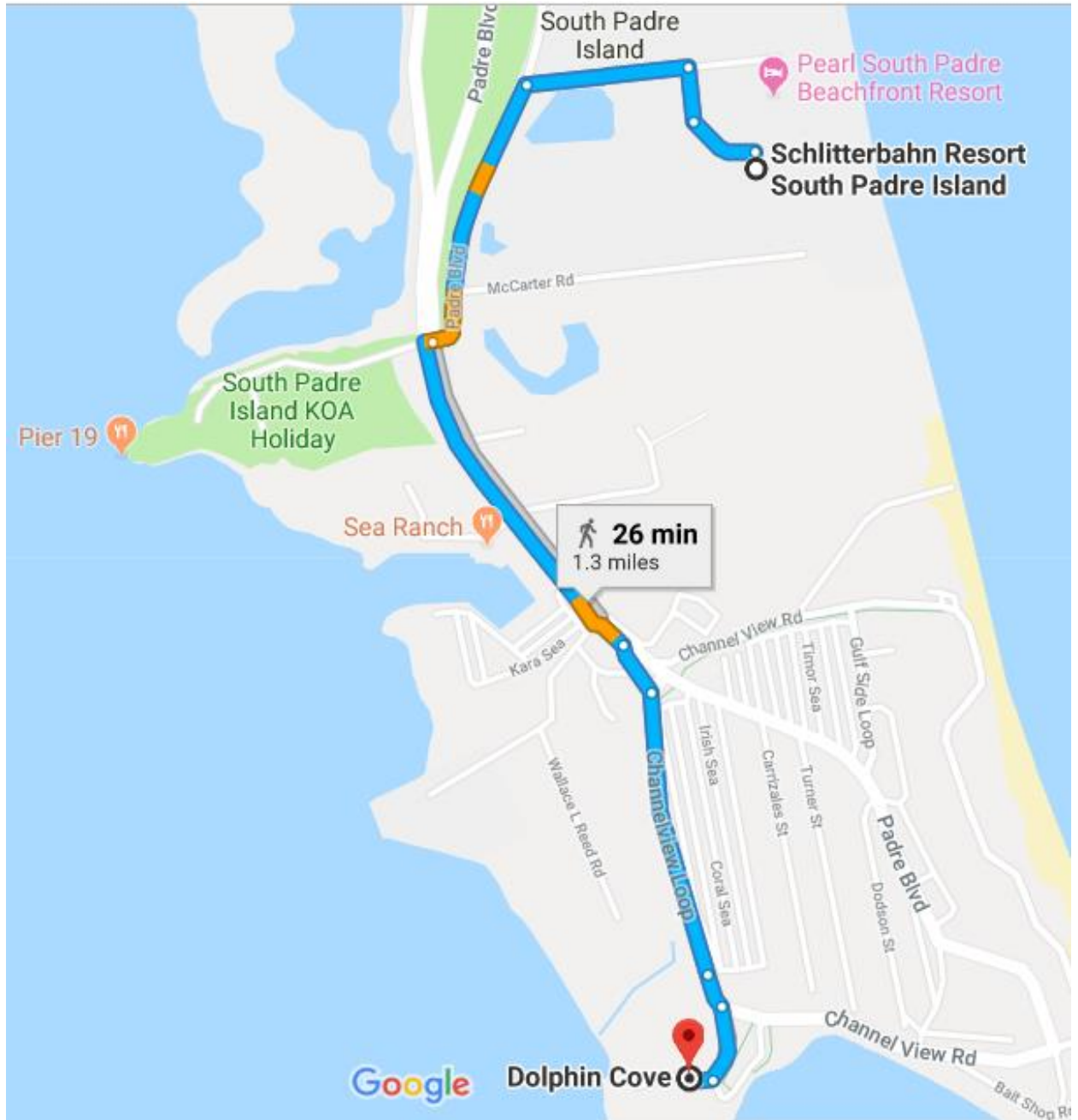


Overall Map of South Padre Island:

- Padre Blvd Map: Schlitterbahn Resort to South Padre Island Convention Centre:



- Padre Blvd Map: Schlitterbahn Resort South Padre Island to Dolphin Cove



- Padre Blvd Map: Schlitterbahn Resort South Padre Island to Claytons Beach Bar

