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## American Solar Challenge Take Off From Barstow on Wednesday

Teams spent Day 10 of the American Solar Challenge preparing for tomorrow's final leg of the 2,300-mile race. The solar-powered racecars will begin leaving Barstow, Calif. tomorrow at 9 a.m. and will cross the finish line in Claremont, Calif. later that morning.

The race-leading team, the University of Missouri-Rolla, made it to Barstow yesterday in a record-breaking 48 hours, 42 minutes and 27 seconds. University of Minnesota was in second place, with a time of 53:31:56, and University of Waterloo was third, with a time of 54:54:41.

Please visit [www.americansolarchallenge.org](http://www.americansolarchallenge.org) for a complete list of teams and their standings. The Challenge, which winds down historic Route 66 from Chicago to the Los Angeles area, is the longest solar car race in the world.

The cars will start tomorrow from Barstow Community College, 2700 Barstow Rd., and are anticipated to cross the finish line on Yale Avenue in downtown Claremont between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The race began in Chicago at the Museum of Science and Industry July 13, traveling through 13 checkpoints in cities and towns along the route. The American Solar Challenge is an educational event in which participants build and race cars whose only source of fuel is the sun. The car with the fastest cumulative time will win the race.

Official daily results will be posted at [www.americansolarchallenge.org](http://www.americansolarchallenge.org). Final cumulative times are based on actual race time, plus time penalties for race rules infractions. Photos of the race and other information also are available at the Web site.

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