

Robofest e-Newsletter, 10-23-14

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Note: All times are listed in EDT

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### (1) **MCWT Grant for all-girl Robofest teams**

Michigan Council of Women in Technology is happy to provide \$500 for up to six all-girl Robofest teams for the spring 2015 Robofest Game and Exhibition competition. Info and application on the web

at: [http://www.mcwt.org/Robotics\\_Grants\\_187.html](http://www.mcwt.org/Robotics_Grants_187.html)

### (2) **RoboParades**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual RoboParade will have a Halloween theme this year in Michigan. The event will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Macomb Community College Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088. The event is open to the public and admission is free. Many of the robots will be dressed in Halloween costumes and spectators are invited to do the same. Spectators can vote for their favorite robotic float and enter raffle prize drawings. Raffle prizes include Amazon Fire, Bluetooth watch and Bluetooth bracelet!!!

Florida RoboParade, will be held November 8 and registration is open.

Texas RoboParade, will be held January 16, 2015 and registration is open.

If you are interested in hosting RoboParade in your city, please check out the Information to become a RoboParade Site Host in 2014-15

at <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

### (3) **VCC Workshop December 4**

A free workshop for VCC (Vision Centric Challenge) 2015 will be held on Sat December 6<sup>th</sup> at Lawrence Technological University in Michigan, 9am ~ 4pm. C# with EmguCV will be covered. A few seats are available. For more information and registration, contact Dr. Chung at chung@LTU.edu.

### (4) **Seeking Site Hosts for 2014~15 Competitions**

Robofest provides unique opportunities to maximize math and science learning through autonomous robotics. However, in contrast to other big robotics competitions, it does not require teams to hold major fundraisers to underwrite the cost of participation. Robofest is now seeking site hosts for the 2014~15 year. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of

2015 are available. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact Robofest office at [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) or check out <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

**(5) Annual Report**

The 2013~2014 Annual Report is now available on the web at <http://www.robofest.net/2014/robofest14report.pdf>

**(6) Save the Dates for Robofest 2015**

Thu. Dec. 4, 2014 Time TBD, Kick-off meeting and webinar

Sat. May 2, 2015: Michigan Championship

Fri. May 15, 2015: World Championship BottleSumo, UMC, and WISER

Sat. May 16, 2015: World Championship Game, Exhibition, and VCC

**(7) Wanted: sponsors for WRO teams**

<https://www.lawrencetech.net/wro>

**(8) Robofest Part-time position is open**

Robofest is looking for a part-time staff who has dedication as well as technical skills. If interested, please contact Dr. Chung at [chung@LTU.edu](mailto:chung@LTU.edu) .

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