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Note: All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time

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**(1) FINAL Robofest 2016~2017 Kickoff Meeting:**

Final kick-off Meeting (at LTU or via Webinar) where the rules of the 2017 competition will be presented Saturday, January 14, 2017, 1:00pm ~ 2:30pm, Local and Webinar.  
Room J234 in the new Taubman Complex ~ Building # 4 on the LTU Campus Map:  
<https://www.ltu.edu/map/ltu-campus-map.pdf> . Free parking is available in Lot E.

You can join the online Webinar:

- from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/2482043568>
- iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,2482043568# or +16465588656,2482043568#
- Telephone: (US Toll) +1 408 638 0968 or +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 248 204 3568
- International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/join?j=2482043568>

**(2) 2017 Registration is open:**

Registration is open for all Qualifying and Open Competition sites. Additional sites are still being finalized and will be added soon. For Michigan teams, if your preferred site is full and another site is not available, you can register your team for the USA Video Qualifier in order to pay the registration fee to be eligible to attend the workshops. Once other sites open, we can easily transfer your team to the new site.

**(3) Robofest 2017 Warmup Competition and Judge Training for Game at LTU:**

On Saturday, Feb 18, 2017 1:00pm ~ 5:30pm (Note time update) in Room J234 in the new Taubman Complex ~ Building # 4 on the LTU Campus Map: <https://www.ltu.edu/map/ltu-campus-map.pdf> .  
Check-in for registered teams begins at 1:00 pm and Judge training will start at 1:50 pm

**(4) Robofest 2017 Workshop Schedule:**

Get your team together to attend a free workshop or webinar to get started or sharpen your skills. The on-site workshops will be held in Room J234 in the new Taubman Complex ~ Building # 4 on the LTU Campus Map: <https://www.ltu.edu/map/ltu-campus-map.pdf> . Free parking is available in Lot E.

Only registered and paid Game teams are eligible to register for on-campus workshops.

• **EV3 Workshops for RoboHit Game at LTU:**

Jan 21, 9:00am ~ Noon

Jan 21, 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Jan 28, 9:00am ~ Noon

Feb 4, 9:00am ~ Noon

• **EV3 Online Webinars for RoboHit Game** (attend live or review a recording to be made available on the Robofest.net website):

Jan 24, 7:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Feb 4, 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm

• **RobotC Workshops at for RoboHit Game LTU:**

Jan 28, 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Feb 11, 9:00am ~ Noon

• **L2Bot Workshop for Vision Centric Challenge (Vcc) at LTU:**

Mar 4, 9:00am ~ 4:00pm

#### **(5) NDIA STEM Scholarship Opportunity:**

The NDIA (National Defense Industrial Association) Michigan Chapter offers scholarships to competitive high school and college students pursuing education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S. citizen; have Michigan residency or active military parent serving in Michigan; planned enrollment in pursuit of a STEM-related BS degree program at a Michigan college/university prior to the start of the 2017 Fall Semester; possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (basis 4.0 scale); demonstrate a growing interest in college preparatory studies; and be active within the school or local community. Applications will be accepted on-line through March 5, 2017. For more details or to submit an application visit <http://www.ndia-mich.org/index.php/stem/scholarships>

#### **(6) LEGO Education Workshop for Educators:**

For all educators (including principals, teachers, administrators, librarians, PLTW instructors, 4-H Leaders, robotic coaches, mentors).

- February 15th, 2017 -- 8:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

Kent ISD - ESC, 2930 Knapp Street NE Grand Rapids, MI 4952 Parking Lot #11- Pine

\$30 per person. Continental breakfast and lunch included.

For more information or to register visit: <http://marketing.legoeducation.com/acton/rif/2543/s-0c8f-1701/-/l-dyn-lsc-0c7f:7/l-dyn-lsc-0c7f/showPreparedMessage?sid=TV2:ZAMisWisj>

#### **(7) Robofest 2017 Important COMPETITION DATES:**

- Saturday, April 23, 2017 11:59 pm: US and International Video Qualifier Submission Deadline
- Saturday, May 13, 2017: Michigan Championship at LTU
- Thursday, June 1, 2017: World Championship Robot Drawing Contest in St. Pete Beach, FL
- Friday, June 2, 2017: World Championship RoboParade, WISER, BottleSumo, and Unknown Mission Challenge in St. Pete Beach, FL
- Saturday, June 3: World Championship Game, Exhibition & GRAF, and Vision Centric Challenge in St. Pete Beach, FL

#### **(8) WISER Conference 2017:**

Call for participation is open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World conference on Integrated STEaM Education through Robotics (WISER '17) June 2, 2017 in conjunction with World Robofest 2017.

Since robotics is all about STEM and art is tightly connected to all the S. T. E. M. components, interest in integrated \*STEaM learning through robotics\* has been increased. We would like to gather together to share experiences and knowledge and exchange ideas in Robotics education as well as educational robotics for the effective STEaM learning environment.

In addition, we would like to discuss how to advance robotics education and educational robotics for humanity through the STEaM learning paradigm. Visit <https://robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/wiser> for more information or to submit an abstract.

#### **(9) NEW LTU Scholarship Opportunity for all Robofest Participants:**

We are very pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for distinguished Robofest team members who attend Lawrence Technological University. Submit your application, along with a 400-word essay regarding your Robofest experience, your career goals, and a letter of recommendation from one of your Robofest adult coaches or mentors for a chance to earn a \$3,000 renewable scholarship. Deadline date: April 1st. The application can be found on the LTU.edu website here:

<https://www.ltu.edu/cm/attach/44851ee6-dffc-48f0-8c4e-cb0c0ea8bace/robofestscholarshipform-1.pdf>

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