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### [\(1\) Robofest 2017 Timeline](#)

November 2016: Kick-off, official rules for spring season will be posted and team registration begins.

- Jan ~ Feb 2017: Technical workshops and webinars for teams
- Jan ~ April 2017: Qualifying competitions for Games and Exhibition
- April 29, 2017: Michigan Championship at LTU in Michigan
- June 1-3, 2017: World Championship, n St. Pete Beach, Florida

### [\(2\) Robofest 2017 World Championship Schedule](#)

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Championships and WISER Conference will be held in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Team events on June 2-3, 2017 will include the Game and Exhibition Championships as well as the open category events of RoboParade, Global Robotics Art Festival (GRAF), Bottle Sumo, Unknown Mission Challenge, and Vision Centric Challenge. A new Robot Drawing contest for younger students will be held on June 1st.

### [\(3\) Robofest New CS Robotics Lab and Office Location](#)

The Robofest office (J-233) has a new home on the Lawrence Tech Campus in the new A. Alfred Taubman Complex. The lab (J-345) will host workshops and mini competitions throughout the year.

### [\(4\) RoboParade Schedule for 2016~2017](#)

The Annual Fall RoboParade will not be held in Michigan this year. We encourage teams interested in participating in RoboParade to join us in St. Pete Beach for the RoboParade that will be held during the World Championships June 1-3, 2017.

### [\(5\) BottleSumo Competitions in November](#)

This fall, Robofest will host BottleSumo competitions in the CS Robotics lab in the new Taubman Complex at LTU. Team check-in begins at 8am, Official competition runs from 9am to 12:30pm.

- Nov 12, 2016 - Jr. BottleSumo
- Nov 19, 2016 - Sr. BottleSumo

Team registration will begin in mid-September. Registration fee is \$30/team. Max # teams for each day is 16.

### [\(6\) Seeking Site Hosts for 2016~17 Competitions](#)

Robofest is seeking site hosts for the 2016~17 year. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of 2017 are available. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) or check out <http://robofest.net/index.php/forsitehosts>

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