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Note: All times are listed in EST

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#### [\(1\) Florida RoboParade:](#)

The Florida Roboparade will be held November 5 from 9am to 3pm at St. Petersburg Beach Recreation Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St Pete Beach, FL.

Team Registration is open. Registration is \$30 per team. Max # teams is 30.

#### **(2) High School BottleSumo Competitions in November in Michigan:**

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 9:00am to 12:30pm.

- Jr. BottleSumo: November 12, 2016
- Sr. BottleSumo: November 19, 2016

Team registration for Sr. (High School) teams is still open. Registration fee is \$30 per team. Max # teams is 18. Spectators and prospective coaches and teams are invited to attend these exciting competitions at no charge.

#### [\(3\) Robofest 2016-2017 Kickoff Meetings:](#)

Plan to attend or view one of the kick-off Meetings (either at LTU or via Webinar) where the rules of the 2017 competition will be announced. The meetings 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.

- Friday, November 18, 1:00pm ~ 2:30pm – LOCAL ONLY/NO WEBINAR
- Saturday, November 19, 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm (After the Sr. BottleSumo Competition)  
- Local and Webinar: Link to be announced.
- Friday, December 2, 7:00pm ~ 8:30pm – Local and Webinar: Link to be announced.
- Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:00am ~ 10:30am – Local and Webinar: Link to be announced.

#### **(4) Seeking Site Hosts for 2016~17 Competitions:**

Robofest is currently seeking site hosts for the 2016~17 season. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in February through 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 visit <http://robofest.net/index.php/forsitehosts>.

#### [\(5\) TENTATIVE 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.

DATES, TIMES AND TITLES SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

- **Saturday January 14, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game**
- **Saturday January 21, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game**

- Saturday January 21, 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm: EV3 workshop for Game
- Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm: EV3 workshop for Game (Webinar Only)
- Saturday January 28, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday January 28, 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm: RobotC workshop for Game
- Monday, January 30, Time TBD: EV3 workshop for Game (Webinar Only)
- Saturday February 4, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday February 11, 9:00 am ~ Noon: RobotC workshop for Game
- Saturday February 25, 9:00 am ~ 4:30 pm: RobotC for EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday, March 4, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm: L2Bot workshop
- TBD March: Raspberry PI based robotics workshop(s)

Only registered and paid Game teams will eligible to register for workshops.

#### **(6) Robofest 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION DATES:**

- Saturday, Feb 18, 2017: Warm-Up Competition for Game at LTU
- Saturday April 29, 2017: Michigan Championship at LTU
- Friday June 2, 2017: World Championship RoboParade, 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

#### **(7) NEW LTU Scholarship Opportunity:**

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>

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

Call for participation is open for the Second World conference on Integrated STEaM (TEAMS) 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 ultimately 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) Robofest World Headquarters moved into a new building at LTU**

New office room number is J-233. Mini Autonomous Robotics museum is open in the office.

Taubman Complex and Marburger STEM Center is the No. 4 building on this map:

<https://www.ltu.edu/map/ltu-campus-map.pdf> Free parking available on campus - use Parking lot E.

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