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Note: All times are listed in EST

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### **(1) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IMPORATANT INFORMATION**

All World Championship teams should review the World Championship (WC) page (<https://robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/world-championship>) of the robofest.net website for important information regarding official team lists, schedule, travel, rules clarifications and other important information.

We are finalizing the list of teams who have advanced to the World Championship. Please review the team lists (the links are found on the WC page) and let us know via email ([spalonis@ltu.edu](mailto:spalonis@ltu.edu)) if you have a team that has been confirmed as advancing but is missing from the list. The last day that coaches can edit team names, player names and upload team photos is Wednesday, May 9 at Noon.

For Open Categories, the USA teams have been transferred from the \*USA Only\* Registration Sites to the Official Sites for each category **if the registration fee has been paid**. International teams have also been added to the roster. Coaches can edit team names, player names and upload team photos until Wednesday, May 9 at Noon.

### **(2) OPEN CATEGORIES AT ROBOFEST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

US Teams: There is still capacity in the following open category divisions:

Friday, May 18 - 12:30 pm-4:00 pm

- Jr. Unknown Mission Challenge (UMC)

Friday, May 18 - 5:30 pm-9:00 pm - with final rounds on Saturday May 19 at 3:00 pm:

- Jr. BottleSumo
- Sr. BottleSumo Classic
- Sr. BottleSumo Unlimited

Saturday, May 19 - 9:00 am-4:00 pm

- Jr. RoboArts
- Sr. RoboArts
- Sr. Vision Centric Challenge (Vcc)

Registration is open until May 9. More information about the World Championship event including the schedule and venue information can be found on the [World Championship](#) page of the [robofest.net](http://robofest.net) website.

### **(3) WISER Conference 2018**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> World conference on Integrated STEaM Education through Robotics (WISER 18) will be held at Lawrence Technological University on May 18, 2018 in conjunction with World Robofest 2018. This event

is open to the public – no registration is required. Parents, coaches, and students are welcome to attend.

#### **(4) Robot Drawing Challenge**

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Children from around the world will gather to draw pictures of robots of the future. The Robot Drawing Contest is open to individual students from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Judges decide winners. The contest will be held during the World Robofest Championship in on Thursday, May 17, 2018 1:30 - 4:00 pm. This Contest is also good for the younger siblings of team members. Registration is open at:

[https://www.robofest.net/rms/SharedPagesServlet?cmd=getGenericSiteWebPage&year=2018&location=World\\_Championship\\_RobotDraw](https://www.robofest.net/rms/SharedPagesServlet?cmd=getGenericSiteWebPage&year=2018&location=World_Championship_RobotDraw)

#### **(5) Wanted: Robofest Ambassadors Volunteers for World Championship Events**

We are looking for Middle School and High School students to represent the Robofest Community and assist our out-of-state and international guests in finding their way around the various venues on LTU during Robofest World Championship events on May 17 – 19. To sign up online, go to

<https://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/YearLocationLookup.jsp>

You will see a list of sites with dates. Select one of the 3 sites:

WC\_Volunteers\_Thursday

WC\_Volunteers\_Friday

WC\_Volunteers\_Saturday

Click on New Volunteer Registration link and enter your contact information. Thank you in advance for supporting Robofest!

#### **(6) LTU Campus Tours – Blue and White Days**

Friday, May 18, 10:00 am – coinciding with the Robofest World Championship, the LTU Admissions office will be hosting Blue and White Days to give potential students the opportunity to speak with a counselor, meet current LTU students, tour campus, and have lunch with faculty members. Parents are welcome to join their students and to receive more information. Reservations are required directly with the Admissions office at: <https://apply.ltu.edu/portal/blueandwhite>

#### **(7) Robofest 2017 World Championship events will be broadcast on Facebook Live**

Live Streaming of the Autonomous Tennis Ball Collector competitions on Saturday, May 19<sup>d</sup> as well as BottleSumo on Friday evening, May 18 is being planned. Watch for details on the Robofest Home page at [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net)

#### **(8) 5 and 10 year coaches**

Robofest is not possible without leadership and dedication of coaches. We have recognized the following coaches who have reached their anniversary year.

##### 10 year:

Mark Brudnak Bethany Christian School Robotics Club

Brian S. Kincheloe Bethany Christian School Robotics Club

##### 5 year

Betty Recker, Home School Connection, Ypsilanti (2009, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018)

Srinivas Bommidi, LEGO LEGION, NOVI, since 2014

T.J. Ray, South Ridge Panthers Robotics, Culver, MN

Philip Bigos, Southfield Christian, Farmington Hills, MI

Ellen Shimko, A.I. Root Middle School, Medina, OH

Alyssa Shon, Palisades Elementary, Pearl City, HI

Cameron Lindner, Cloquet Robotics, Cloquet, MN

Hoa Pham, Discovery MS Students, Canton, MI

Ariel Villanueva, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei, HI

Karen Martin, OLV School, Northville, MI

Kamilla Schulte, OLV School, Northville, MI  
Mike Monticello, OLV School, Northville, MI  
Randall Taketa, Nanakuli Elementary, Waianae, HI  
Alan Oates, St Pete Beach Rec Center, St Pete Beach, FL  
Michael Wilson, McLane Middle School, Brandon, FL (13,14,16, 17, 18),  
Brenda Kikuyama, August Ahrens Elementary School Waipahu, HI (13~) Missed last year  
Andrew Dassing, SHMS Robotics, Safety Harbor, FL (13~) missed last year  
Paul Weaver, Westlake Christian School, Palm Harbor, FL (13~) missed last year  
Veeresh Nama, Nano Penguins and SMART labs, Auburn Hills, MI

If we missed anyone who reached an anniversary year, please contact Dr. Chung at [cchung@LTU.edu](mailto:cchung@LTU.edu)

### **(9) Robofest 2018 Sponsors**

Robofest would not be possible without the support from the following our generous sponsors. Thank you to all of our sponsors, past and present! Complete list can be found on the web at:

<https://www.robofest.net/2018/sponsors.htm>

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