



Robofest eNewsletter 12-14-22

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[\(1\) 2023 Final Kickoff Meeting \(Updated Time\)](#)

Our final kickoff meeting to review 2023 Official Game Rules General Rules and other category rules for clarification prior to the final release in will be held Saturday, January 7, 2023: **11:30 am ~ 1:00 pm EST** (note the change in time) in the Robofest Lab on LTU campus (J234 in Building 8 on the LTU Campus Map

<https://www.ltu.edu/ltu/map.asp>)

and Zoom. <https://ltu.zoom.us/j/91826219837?pwd=cnEwaXFsRyt1UGhLNldBQytTdGJVdz09>

[\(2\) MCWT \\$750 Grants for All-Girl Robofest Teams in Michigan](#)

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, 19-year sponsor of Robofest, has increased their grant funding for the 2023 Robofest season, providing \$750 grants for up to ten Michigan all-girl Robofest Game and Exhibition teams. The application is open now and the deadline to apply is March 15, 2023.

More information and the 2023 season application are posted on the MCWT webpage:

<https://mcwt.org/programs/list/K-12-Initiatives/ROBOTICS-GRANTS>

[\(3\) Pre-season Workshop Schedule](#)

Robofest Workshops are available at no cost to registered 2023 Teams. They are held in the Robofest Lab on LTU Campus, robots and laptops are provided. Recordings can be requested if teams cannot travel to LTU.

VEX IQ with VEX Code

Saturday, 1/14/23: 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

Saturday, 2/25/23: 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

LEGO EV3 with Scratch

Saturday, 1/14/23: 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Saturday, 1/28/23: 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

LEGO Spike Prime with Scratch

Saturday, 1/28/23: 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

LEGO Spike Prime with Python

Saturday, 2/25/23: 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

To register for a workshop first register for a qualifier (pre-registration is open), then go to

<https://www.robofest.net/rms/SharedPagesServlet?cmd=getWorkshopsTable>

(4) Warmup Competition/Judge Training February 11

This event will be held on Saturday, Feb 11, 2023 from 1:00pm ~ 4:30pm in Room J234 in the Taubman Complex. Teams who would like to participate should send an email to spalonis@ltu.edu. Check-in for registered teams begins at 1:00 pm and Judge training will start at 1:30 pm. We encourage Michigan Site Hosts and Volunteer Game Judges to attend. Registration will open in Mid-January for judges.

(5) Robofest Pen Pal Opportunity

To enhance the Spirit of Robofest for all participants, we would like to facilitate a new Pen Pal program. We will pair up interested individuals or teams with one another so they may collaborate and build international network opportunities. Registration is open through the form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsEMe5QZER0foK-VJs1rTWbDNMAYuVyTvrpemibQT01RpTeQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

(6) LTU Scholarship Opportunity for all Robofest Participants

High School students who have participated in Robofest at any time and who are planning to attend LTU in any program, can apply for a \$3,000 renewable scholarship (Total of \$12,000). Submit a 400-word essay describing your Robofest experience and your career goals, a letter of recommendation from one of your Robofest adult coaches or mentors, and the Scholarship Application by **April 1, 2023**. To find more information visit: https://www.ltu.edu/financial_aid/scholarships-freshmen.asp

(7) Seeking Site Hosts for 2023 Competitions

Robofest will be accepting site hosts applications for the 2023 Competition Season for Robofest Game and Exhibition Qualifiers as well as BottleSumo and RoboParade Open events for the 2023 season until January 31, 2023. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at spalonis@ltu.edu or visit <https://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

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