



Robofest eNewsletter 12-21-23

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(1) Updates to the LTU Robofest Scholarship Opportunity

In order to truly recognize the effort and exceptional talent of the Robofest competitors, Lawrence Technological University has updated the Robofest Champion LTU Scholarship Award Offer for 2024. Each team member of the top 3 Senior Division Game, Exhibition, RoboArts, RoboMed, UMC and Vcc teams at the World Championship events will receive a scholarship certificate to attend LTU:

- 1st Place: \$20,000 annual scholarship (\$80,000 for 4 years)
- 2nd Place: \$16,000 annual scholarship. (\$64,000 for 4 years)
- 3rd Place: \$14,000 annual scholarship. (\$56,000 for 4 years)

Robofest participants who have competed at any time in any category may still apply for the annual \$3,000 LTU Robofest scholarship. More details will can be found on the Scholarship page:

<https://www.robofest.net/index.php/about/scholarship>

(2) 2024 Final Kickoff Meeting on January 13th

The final 2024 Season kickoff meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th, 2024 10:00am ~ 11:30am in the Computer Science Robotics Lab, Room J234 on the LTU campus and on Zoom. During the presentation, we will cover highlights of the general rules and open categories, and we will present the updated game rules for clarification prior to the final release on January 15th. The Zoom link is posted on the robofest.net home page.

(3) New US Site Hosts and International Organizers

Robofest is pleased to announce the following new organizers that will be hosting Robofest events this season: Jefferson State Community College in Alabama, Belleview Middle School in Florida, Burnett Middle School in Florida, Bernalillo High School in New Mexico, Robot Éducatif Algérie in Algeria, Abugida Robotics & STEAM Center in Ethiopia, Hellenic Educational Robotics Organization in Greece, STEMTRIX in Kenya, Scienceworld Senior Secondary School in Sierra Leone, and The Mind Explorer in Pakistan, Thank you to everyone who shares the Robofest mission with young people.

(4) MCWT Grants for All-Girl Robofest Teams

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, a Gold Sponsor of Robofest, is once again providing \$750 grants for up to ten Michigan all-girl Robofest teams for the 2024 Robofest Game and Exhibition competitions. More information and the 2024 season application are now available on the MCWT webpage: <https://mcwt.org/programs/list/K-12-Initiatives/ROBOTICS-GRANTS>

(5) Pre-season Technical Workshop Schedule

Workshops are held in the Computer Science Robotics Lab, Room J234 on the LTU Campus in Southfield, Michigan. Robots and laptops are provided. Workshop materials will be made available on the eAcademy/Workshops page. Registration is open under [Available Workshops](#) There is no cost for registered 2024 teams.

VEX IQ with VEXcode for Game

Saturday, January 20th: 9:00am ~ 12:00noon

LEGO EV3 with Scratch for Game

Saturday, January 20th: 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Saturday, January 27th: 9:00am ~ 12:00noon

LEGO SPIKE Prime/Robot Inventor with Scratch for Game

Saturday, January 27th: 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

LEGO SPIKE Prime/Robot Inventor with Python for Game

Saturday, February 3rd: 9:00am ~ 12:00noon

Intro to Exhibition using LEGO EV3 with Scratch

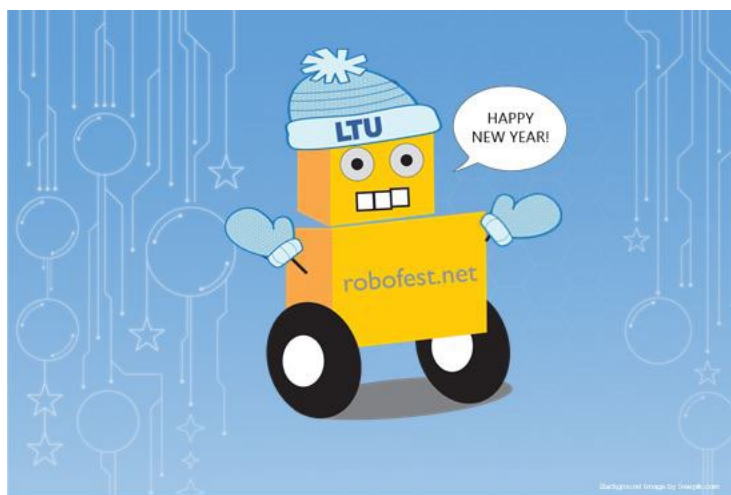
Saturday, February 3rd: 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

(6) Warmup Competition/Judge Training on February 10th

We are hosting a Warmup competition and Game Judge Training on Saturday, Feb 10th, 1:00pm ~ 4:30pm in the Computer Science Robotics Lab, Room J234 on the LTU Campus in Southfield, Michigan. Teams who would like to participate should send an email to spalonis@ltu.edu. There is no registration fee for this event, but teams must be registered AND PAID at a local competition (or Pre-Registration) in order to participate. Please limit to one team per coach. Check-in for registered teams begins at 12:45pm

We encourage Michigan Site Hosts and Volunteer Game Judges to register and attend. Judge training will start at 1:45pm. Judge Registration: <https://www.robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=1484>

Happy New Year from the Robofest Staff!



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