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[\(1\) 2025 Final Kickoff Meeting on January 11](#)

The final 2025 Season kickoff meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 10:00 am ~ 11:30 am 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 13. The Zoom link is posted on the robofest.net home page.

(2) Vcc Rules Announced

The 2025 Vision Centric Challenge (Vcc) Rules have been uploaded to the Robofest website. This advanced competition category will be hosted at the 2025 Robofest World Championship. This year's challenge is to catch or avoid different colored marbles as they fall from a tower.

[\(3\) Upcoming LTU Visit Opportunities](#)

We encourage Robofest participants to consider LTU as an option for their higher education. To learn more about what the university has to offer (over 100 undergraduate, masters and doctoral degree programs), LTU is hosting the following events a where prospective students can meet current LTU students and faculty, hear about campus living, and more.

December 14: Visit Day ~ Meet students and faculty and explore degree options

January 18: Basketball Game ~ Explore campus, have lunch, and enjoy an LTU Blue Devils Basketball Game

February 8: Media Mashup ~ Hands-on workshops in on-camera talent performance, podcasting, sports broadcasting, and more!

February 22: Open House ~ Discover more about our programs in the Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Business and Information Technology, Engineering, and Health Sciences

For more information and to register for any of these events, visit: <https://www.ltu.edu/admissions/oncampusevents>

(4) Warmup Competition/Judge Training on February 15

We are hosting a Warmup competition and Judge Training on Saturday, February 15, 1:00 pm ~ 4:30 pm in the Computer Science Robotics Lab, Room J234 on the LTU Campus. 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 in order to participate. Please limit to one team per coach. Check-in for registered teams begins at 12:45 pm.

We encourage Michigan Site Hosts and Volunteer Game Judges to register and attend to gain first-hand experience running the 2025 Game. Registration is open:

<https://www.robofest.net/rms/volunteer.ControllerServlet?newMainPage=index.jsp&siteID=1551>

(5) Robofest Sponsorship Opportunity

If you would like to support Robofest through a financial gift, you can contribute through the College of Arts and Sciences and designate Robofest under "Areas to Support." <https://www.ltu.edu/giving/areas-to-support/coas>

A donation of \$200 or more will be recognized as a Friend of Robofest on our Sponsor page and on the World Championship promotional poster.

(6) New Robofest Staff Member

Anne Ruch recently joined the Robofest Office staff as a Coordinator. Anne and her family recently moved to Michigan from France where she worked in Engineering Sales. Welcome!!

(7) Pre-season Workshop Schedule

Workshops are available at no cost to registered 2025 Teams. They are held in the Computer Science Robotics Lab on LTU Campus, robots and laptops are provided. workshop materials will be made available on the eAcademy/Workshops page.

LEGO EV3 with Scratch for Game: Saturday, January 25: 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

LEGO SPIKE Prime/Robot Inventor with Scratch for Game: Saturday, January 25: 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

VEX IQ with VEXcode for Game: Saturday, February 1: 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

LEGO EV3 with Scratch Intro to Exhibition: Saturday February 1: 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Registration is open under *Available Workshops* on the registration page on Robofest.net

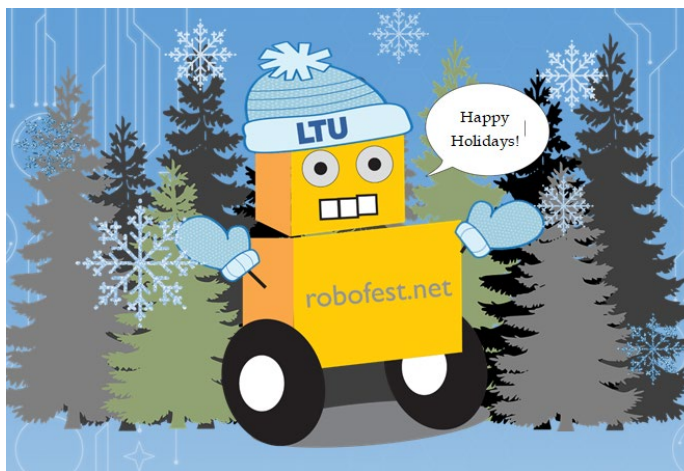
<https://www.robofest.net/rms/SharedPagesServlet?cmd=getWorkshopsTable>

(8) LTU Summer Program Registration is Open

The list of 2025 Lawrence Technological University STEM Center Summer Programs for High School students is now available. Dr. Chris Cartwright, Associate Professor of Math and Robofest Executive Council Member, will be presenting "Become a Master Robot Builder and Python Coder!" during the week of June 23-27, 2025. Other exciting topics are available throughout the summer. More information and the registration portal are available at:

<https://www.ltu.edu/summer-programs/>

Happy New Year from the Robofest Staff!



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