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Note: All times are listed in EST

(1) 2015 Team Registration is open

Game, Exhibition, and Vision Centric Challenge (Vcc) registration is open for all sites. Please register early as some sites are filling up quickly. Some new local Michigan sites have been added.

The link for the recorded kick-off info meeting webinar from Jan 13 is available under "What's New Section" on our homepage at www.robofest.net

(2) 2015 Technical Workshop Schedule on the web

The 2015 workshop schedule has been posted online under the "What's New" section. Workshops are free, and for REGISTERED AND PAID teams. To register, email the Robofest Coordinator Lynn Garrison at LGarrison@ltu.edu with your team name and ID number, as well as the workshop date/time you'd like to attend. She will send you more detailed info. A webinar EV3 workshop for everyone around the world is scheduled on Friday Feb 6, 8pm~9pm EST.

(3) Free RobotC for Robofest Teams

Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy and Robomatter Inc. provide Robofest 2015 teams with a FREE License of ROBOTC for use in Robofest 2015! ROBOTC is a C-based programming language for the LEGO MINDSTORMS and VEX Robotics platforms. It is the only programming language at this level that offers a comprehensive, real-time debugger, along with a host of other features. In order to obtain your license, please contact robofest@ltu.edu with your team ID.

(4) RoboBowl Warmup competition at LTU

Anyone who is planning on being a game judge for upcoming competitions should register for the Warm-Up on Feb 21 from 1:50pm~5:30pm. This is used as judge's training and for judges to learn how to score the RoboBowl game. Register as a Game Judge for Warm-Up in the volunteer system at:
<http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=474>

Call for Teams: If you are a local Michigan team and would like to participate in Warm Up, please email the coach name and team ID to Lynn Garrison at Lgarrison@LTU.edu. Teams must be registered and paid for a Qualifying competition, and registration is taken on a first come, first serve basis. There is no charge for teams to participate in the Warm-Up.

(5) MCWT Foundation 2015 Robofest Grant Winners

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation is pleased to announce its 2015 Robofest Grant Winners. Each of the following teams will receive \$500 to use toward Robofest team expenses.

Sr. team Hamady Hawks, Hamady High School, Flint, Coach: Mr. Hall
Sr. team Pegasus, Troy High School, Troy, Coach: Mr. Khalaf
Jr. team G.L.A.M.M.E.R., Parkway Christian School, Sterling Heights, Coach Mr. Grau
Jr. team AOW Robogirls, Academy of Warren, Coach: Mrs. Horn and Mr. Sutgrey
Jr. team RoboGators, Gompers School, Detroit, Coach: Ms. Tillman
Jr. team Jaguars Robotics, St. Genevieve, Livonia, Coach: Mrs. Bourgoise
Jr. team Robogirlz, Lake Orion, Coach: Mrs. Tarakhovsky

Please visit www.mcwt.org. The Foundation tab provides information about additional programs for K-12 girls as well as information about college scholarships.

(6) Seeking Site Hosts for 2014~15 Competitions

Robofest provides unique opportunities to maximize math and science learning through autonomous robotics. We are still seeking site hosts for the 2015 year. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in late March ~ early April of 2015 are available. Interested organizations or schools should contact Robofest office at robofest@ltu.edu or check out <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

(7) Save the Dates for Robofest 2015

Sat. May 2, 2015: Michigan Championship
Fri. May 15, 2015: World Championship BottleSumo, and UMC
Sat. May 16, 2015: World Championship Game, Exhibition, and Vcc

(8) Team Needed Requests

There are students in need of a Jr. Game team to join. Please see the list below and if you have room on your team and are willing to add a new member please reach out to the Contact Person directly.

Also, let the Lynn Garrison (lgarrison@ltu.edu) know when you make the connection. This will help us to make sure the list stays up to date.

Contact Name / Contact Email / Participant's Grade

Yusuf Ahmed / yahmed@umich.edu / 7th Grade
Shana Cammon / sahines@me.com / 5th Grade

Note: If you are looking for a team to join and would like to be added to this list as well as our Facebook page, please contact Lynn Garrison (lgarrison@ltu.edu).

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