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Note: All times are listed in EST

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### **(1) 2016 Registration is open and ongoing:**

Game, Exhibition, and Vision Centric Challenge (Vcc) registration is open for all sites. The University of Michigan site is planned in conjunction with **Michigan Robotics Day** on April 5<sup>th</sup> and, unlike last year, is an official qualifying event. If you have already registered for a site and wish to transfer your registration to a different site, please contact the Robofest staff and we can easily transfer your team.

### **(2) Judging Webinar for Game:**

**Monday February 29, 2016 7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm:**

We will be hosting a Webinar for Game for all Judges, Site Hosts and Coaches to review the Game Rule Changes and clarifications that were discussed during the Warm Up event. Official documents will be loaded to the Robofest.net website just prior to the webinar. The link to the webinar is:

<https://my.ltu.edu/webapps/bb-collaborate-BBLEARN/launchSession/guest?uid=216f9dae-299a-478d-befe-684ad6b3a87a>

Please make sure that you can access and log into the session using the link provided. You can log into the virtual room up to 1 hour before the session begins, this should give you ample time to test your settings and install the needed plug-ins.

### **(3) Judging Webinar for Exhibition:**

We will be also be hosting a webinar for Exhibition for Judges, Site Hosts and Coaches in Mid-March. Details will be provided when available.

### **(4) Mindsensors is offering 15% Discount for Robofest Participants:**

One of Robofest's 2016 corporate sponsors, Mindsensors, provides high quality parts for Raspberry Pi, LEGO Mindstorms NXT & EV3 Robotic systems. Their objective is to make technology products readily accessible; so your child can achieve highest level of learning.

They are offering a 15% discount voucher code which team members can redeem at the website: <http://www.mindsensors.com>. The voucher code, valid until May 14, 2016 is ROBOFESTC34D.

### **(5) Robofest 2016 Workshop Schedule and Registration:**

There are still 2 workshops available to get started or sharpen your skills. Teams must be REGISTERED AND PAID for a qualifying event. Registration for the Workshops can be found on [www.robofest.net/rms](http://www.robofest.net/rms) under \*Workshops 2016\* on the left menu.

- Saturday, March 26 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm: L2Bot workshop
- TBD April: BottleSumo Workshop

### **(6) 2016 Bottle Sumo and Unknown Mission Challenge Registration to open March 28:**

The registration for the Bottle Sumo and UMC scheduled for May 13 during the World Championship will open on March 28, 2016.

**(7) SAVE THE DATE FOR ROBOFEST 2016:**

- Saturday, April 30: Michigan Championship (for teams who participate and advance from a Michigan Qualifying Event)
- Friday May 13: World Championship BottleSumo and Unknown Mission Challenge
- Saturday May 14: World Championship Game, Exhibition, and Vision Centric Challenge

**(8) Wanted: Volunteers:**

Robofest qualifying competitions are in need of volunteers to staff their events. To sign up online, go to <http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/YearLocationLookup.jsp>

You will see a list of sites with dates. Select a site, then click on New Volunteer Registration link. Thank you in advance for supporting Robofest!

**(9) STEM Scholarship Opportunity:**

The NDIA (National Defense Industrial Association) Michigan Chapter, a sponsor of Robofest, offers scholarships to competitive high school and college students pursuing education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S. citizen; have Michigan residency or active military parent serving in Michigan; planned enrollment in pursuit of a STEM-related BS degree program at a Michigan college/university prior to the start of the 2016 Fall Semester; possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (basis 4.0 scale); demonstrate a growing interest in college preparatory studies; and be active within the school or local community. Applications will be accepted on-line starting January 1, 2016 through March 1, 2016.

For more details or to submit an application visit <http://www.ndia-mich.org/index.php/stem/scholarships>

**(10) Free RobotC for Robofest Teams:**

Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy and Robomatter Inc. provide Robofest 2016 teams with a FREE License of ROBOTC for use in Robofest 2016! 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](mailto:robofest@LTU.edu) with your registered team ID.

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