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Note: All times are listed in EST

(1) Judging Webinar for Exhibition:

On Friday, March 18, 2016 7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm, we will be hosting a webinar for Exhibition for Judges, Site Hosts, and Coaches to review the Judging Rubric and scoring. The link to the webinar is:

<https://my.ltu.edu/webapps/bb-collaborate-BBLEARN/launchSession/guest?uid=78121051-130b-45c4-b507-0ee8e3b55d27>

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.

(2) New Qualifying Sites Added:

There is more capacity in the Jr. Game, Sr. Game and Jr. Exhibition categories for Michigan Teams.

- **AnnArbor_UofM_MI** has been added (Jr. Game and Jr. Exhibition) on April 5 as part of Michigan Robotics Day 2016 and is organized by National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS)
- **SterlingHts_Parkway_MI** has been added (Jr. Game and Sr. Game) on April 9.

(3) 2016 Bottle Sumo Registration to open March 28:

The registration for the Bottle Sumo will open on March 28, 2016. The event will take place on May 13 during the World Championship at LTU.

Bottle Sumo Workshop Saturday, April 23, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Teams must be REGISTERED AND PAID for BottleSumo. Registration will be opened March 28 and the link to register for the Workshop can be found on www.robofest.net/rms under *Workshops 2016* on the left menu.

(4) UMC Registration to open March 28:

The registration for the UMC (Unknown Mission Challenge) will open on March 28, 2016. The event will take place on May 13 during the World Championship at LTU.

(5) L2Bot Workshop Schedule and Registration:

Saturday, March 26 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm.

There is one final workshop 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 under *Workshops 2016* on the left menu.

(6) Robofest 2016 Sponsors

A List of official Robofest 2016 sponsors can be found at: <http://www.robofest.net/2016/sponsors.htm>

Robofest 2016 would not be possible without the support from our generous sponsors: DENSO, Toyota, Lego Education, The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, Neilsen, Robomatter, National Defense Industrial Association Michigan Chapter, IEEE Southeast Michigan Section and Region 4, RIIS Inc., Realtime Technologies Inc., Mindsensors.com, and Hanyang University.

(7) Mindsensors is offering 15% Discount for Robofest Participants:

One of our 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.

(8) Android Auto Seminar

Wednesday, March 30, 2016, 12:30 pm ~ 1:30 pm.

LTU Management Building Room: M218.

Presented by Godfrey Nolan, founder and president of RIIS (Research Into Internet Systems, riis.com) LLC, a mobile development firm in the Detroit Metro area. He is also author of multiple books on Android.

(9) Coach Awards:

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have 5, 10, and 15 years with Robofest as a coach! To submit your name, please send an email to robofest@ltu.edu with the subject "Coach Award". Please include the coach name, coach ID, and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the Michigan Championship and World Championship.

(10) Volunteers Wanted:

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!

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