

Robofest e-Newsletter, 5-1-14

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Note: All times are listed in EDT

(1) Michigan Championship this Saturday May 3

MI State Championship will be held on May 3, 2014 at LTU. This event is free and open to the public starting at 9am. Come see game and exhibition teams compete. Spectators can register to be judges for People's Choice Award to vote for their favorite exhibition teams. Registered PCA judges are also entered into a raffle to win prizes.

We are still looking for Judges for this championship. To register as a volunteer for the event go to:

<http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=422>

(2) Wanted: Volunteers for World Championship

Robofest is looking for volunteers for World Championship. To register as a volunteer for World Championship go to

<http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=421>. The judge position needs an invitation code to register. If you would like to be a Judge, please email to Faith Chu, Robofest Coordinator at fchu@ltu.edu. Robofest needs volunteers like you to help the event run smoothly. Thank you in advance for supporting Robofest!

(3) World Robofest May 17

World Robofest Championship will be held May 16~17 at LTU. Open categories (BottleSumo, BottleZone, Unknown Mission Challenge) will be held on May 16 and Game, Exhibition, and VCC held on May 17.

(4) World conference on Integrated STEAM Education through Robotics (WISER '14) May 16-17, 2014

Since robotics is all about STEM and art is tightly connected to all the S. T. E. M. components, interest in integrated "STEAM (or TEAMS) learning through robotics" has been increased. We would like to gather together to share experiences and knowledge and exchange ideas in Robotics education as well as educational robotics for the effective STEAM (or TEAMS) learning environment. In addition we would like to discuss how to advance robotics education and educational robotics ultimately for humanity through the STEAM (or TEAMS) learning paradigm. Call for participation is open for the May 16, 2014 event! Visit <http://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/wiser>

(5) Summer Camps

Robofest will be hosting several one day summer camps in July and August. Robofest will provide instruction, robots, and laptops. The students will receive hands-on instruction in the morning, and participate in a small competition/event in the afternoon. These are great opportunities for new students. Registration will open shortly.

July 8, July 10 – BottleSumo for Beginners

July 22, July 24, Aug 19 – RoboParade for Beginners

As part of LTU Summer Camp program, there will also be a week long Robotics & Music Summer Camp July 14-18. For more information, visit ltu.edu/summercamps.

(6) WRO (World Robot Olympiad)

LTU Robofest named USA national organizer for World Robot Olympiad. WRO Michigan tournament for Open Category (similar to Robofest Exhibition, but the theme is “Robots and Space”) will be held (tentatively), July 26-27, Maker Faire at Henry Ford Museum.

WRO Regular Category (similar to FIRST Lego League) Michigan Tournament will be held in August. Location is TBD. For more information, visit: <http://wroboto.us/>

(7) Save the Date: RoboParade and Global Robotics Art Festival

RoboParade and Global Robotics Art Festival (GRAF) will be on Saturday October 25, 2014 with a Halloween RoboParade theme. The event will be held at Macomb Community College.

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