ROBOFEST e-Newsletter, 11-09-15

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Note: All times are listed in EST
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(1) Robofest 2016 Kickoff Meetings:
Plan to attend one of the kick-off Meetings (either at LTU or via Webinar) where the rules of the 2016 game will be announced.
- Friday, December 4, 1:00 pm ~ 2:30 pm
- Saturday, December, 5 10:30 am ~ Noon
- Friday, December 11, 6:30 pm ~ 8:00 pm
- Saturday, January 16, 2016 1:00 pm ~ 2:30 pm

(2) MCWT Grant for All-Girl Robofest Teams:
The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation is once again providing $500 grants for up to six all-girl Robofest teams for the spring 2016 Robofest Game and Exhibition competition. The application form and more information can be found on http://mcwt.org/Robotics_Grants_187.html.

Deadline: December 20, 2015.

(3) Florida RoboParade will be held November 14 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at St. Petersburg Beach Recreation Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St Pete Beach, FL
If you are interested in hosting RoboParade in your city, please check out the information to become a RoboParade Site Host in 2016 at http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts

(4) Michigan RoboParade and GRAF Results
RoboParade and Global Robotics Art Festival (GRAF) was held on Saturday October 24, 2015 at Macomb Community College in Warren, Michigan.

RoboParade People's Choice Award Winners:
175 Individuals registered to vote for the best float, and the top three teams took home trophies.
First Place: Srishan Bommidi, Navdeep Sirigiri and Rishabh Lokineni from Novi, MI reveiced 51 votes (29%)
Second Place: Alex Ormsby from Macomb Towhsnip. MI received 30 votes (17%)
Third Place: Abdulfata Almorisi, Ibrahim Kahn, Mursel Aljahmi and Steven Jennings from Detroit, MI received 29 votes (16.5%)

GRAF Judge's Award Winners:
Sr. Division: Matthew Ryan, Merek Krasinski and Micah Bracker from Sterling Hts, MI
Jr. Division: Maria Tarakhovsky and Diana Tarakhovsky from Lake Orion, MI

(5) TENTATIVE Robofest 2016 Workshop Schedule:
Get your team together to attend a free workshop to get started or sharpen your skills. For more information and registration, contact Shannan Palonis spalonis@ltu.edu

- Saturday January 16, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday January 23, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday January 23, 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm: EV3 workshop for Game
- Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm: EV3 workshop for Game (Webinar Only)
- Saturday January 30, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday January 30, 1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm: RobotC workshop for Game
- Monday, February 1, Time TBD: EV3 workshop for Game (Webinar Only)
- Saturday February 6, 9:00 am ~ Noon: EV3 workshop for Game
- Saturday February 13, 9:00 am ~ Noon: RobotC workshop for Game
- Saturday February 27, 9:00 am ~ 4:30 pm: RobotC for EV3 workshop Sponsored by LEGO Education
- Saturday, March 5, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm: L2Bot workshop
- TBD April: BottleSumo Workshop

(6) Robofest 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION DATES:
Saturday, April 30: Michigan Championship
Friday May 13: World Championship BottleSumo and Unknown Mission Challenge
Saturday May 14: World Championship Game, Exhibition, and Vision Centric Challenge

(7) Official Robofest 2014-15 Report and Video published
http://www.robofest.net/2015/robofest15report.pdf
https://youtu.be/d5y-xO4Lw0o (10min)

(8) Seeking Site Hosts for 2015~16 Competitions
Robofest is still seeking site hosts for the 2015~16 year. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of 2016 are available. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at robofest@ltu.edu or check out http://robofest.net/index.php/for-sitehosts

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