

## **Robofest e-Newsletter, 11-22-13**

- (1) Inaugural GRAF (Global Robotic Arts Festival) and Annual RoboParade in Michigan Saturday!
- (2) Spring Kick-off Info Meetings
- (3) Unknown Mission Challenge registration is open
- (4) Mentor Connection program
- (5) Seeking Site Hosts for 2013~14 Competitions
- (6) Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation Grants

*Note: All times are listed in EDT*

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**(1) Inaugural GRAF (Global Robotic Arts Festival) and 8<sup>th</sup> Annual RoboParade THIS SATURDAY**  
November 23, 2013 from 9am-4pm at Macomb Community College South Campus Expo Center. You can be a part of RoboParade and register to be a People's Choice Award (PCA) Judge to vote for your favorite float - registered PCA judges are also entered to win raffle prizes! All are invited to attend and participate to experience STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) in action.

**(2) Robofest 2014 Season (Game, Exhibition, etc.) Kick-Off Meetings start December 4<sup>th</sup>! All**

December meetings take place in LTU Management Building Room M210

-- Wednesday, December 4 2013, 3pm (Concurrently with Webinar.

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-- Friday, December 6 2013, 6:30pm (No Webinar)

-- Saturday, December 7 2013, 10am (Concurrently with Webinar:

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Webinar replay will be posted online the week of 12/8.

**(3) Unknown Mission Challenge registration is open!**

Registration is now open for the December 7, 2013 Unknown Mission Challenge. Details can be found on the website, <http://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/unknown-mission-challenge>

2 person teams, and the event is limited to 15 teams. Registration fee is only \$20. For December it is just open to the Junior division (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Teams must bring their own NXT Robot & laptop.

**(4) Mentor Connection program**

Schools and teams are looking for technical mentors. If you are interested in helping with teams as technical mentors, please contact Faith Kurily, Robofest Coordinator, [fkurily@ltu.edu](mailto:fkurily@ltu.edu). We will connect you to teams in need of technical help.

### **(5) Seeking Site Hosts for 2013~14 Competitions**

Robofest provides unique opportunities to maximize math and science learning through autonomous robotics. However, in contrast to other big robotics competitions, it does not require teams to hold major fundraisers to underwrite the cost of participation. Robofest is now seeking site hosts for the 2013~14 year. RoboParade hosting opportunities in the fall of 2013 are open. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of 2014 are also open. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) or check out [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net) and click on \*For Site Hosts\* link.

### **(6) Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation Grants**

MCWT is happy to announce they are offering grants for all-girl Robofest teams in Michigan. Up to six awards of \$500 each! Please visit the following link for full information and grant application: [www.mcwt.org](http://www.mcwt.org) and click on the Foundation tab.

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