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Note: All times are listed in EST

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### **(1) Robofest 2016 Kickoff Meetings:**

Plan to attend or view one of the kick-off Meetings (either at LTU or via Webinar) where the rules of the 2016 game will be announced. The meetings will be held in the Buell Management Building # 2 on this LTU Campus map: <http://www.ltu.edu/map/LTU-Campus-Map.pdf>

- Friday, December 4, 1:00 pm ~ 2:30 pm, Room M218 – LOCAL ONLY/NO WEBINAR
- Saturday, December, 5 10:30 am ~ Noon, Room M217 – Local and Webinar:  
<https://my.ltu.edu/webapps/bb-collaborate-BBLEARN/launchSession/guest?uid=37ee1ea6-9abd-4e6a-8df3-c4c4a23659c4>
- Friday, December 11, 6:30 pm ~ 8:00 pm, Room M217 – Local and Webinar:  
<https://my.ltu.edu/webapps/bb-collaborate-BBLEARN/launchSession/guest?uid=7e14747f-a966-40ba-a8dc-91892cc0eb15>
- Saturday, January 16, 2016 1:00 pm ~ 2:30 pm, Room M218 – Local and Webinar: Link to be announced.

To access and connect to Collaborate webinar, use the links above.

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.

This YouTube video link <https://youtu.be/-flrBBI8luM> will walk you through how install the plug-ins and log into the session.

### **(2) MCWT Grant for Michigan 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](http://mcwt.org/Robotics_Grants_187.html).

**Deadline: December 20, 2015.**

### **(3) 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](mailto: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

#### **(4) 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

#### **(5) Still 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](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) or check out <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-sitehosts>

#### **(6) Robofest is Seeking Sponsors for 2016**

In an effort to keep Robofest an affordable, yet highly educational competition for everyone, we are seeking sponsors for the 2016 season. If you or your organization is interested in helping to support the important work of Robofest, please email [robofest@LTU.edu](mailto:robofest@LTU.edu). Robofest appreciates all support, big or small. Robofest accepts both monetary contributions and in-kind donations. Please contact us if you are able to support Robofest in any way. Sponsorship (pledge) form can be found at <http://www.robofest.net/SponsorshipForm.pdf>

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