

Robofest e-Newsletter, 4-24-15

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Note: All times are listed in EDT

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**(1) Last Chance for Open Competition Registration for World Championship**

Open competition categories for World Championship (BottleSumo, Unknown Mission Challenge, and Vision Centric Challenge - Vcc) is open for registration on [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net). Registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. A few openings are left. Sr. UMC winners will receive \$2,000 renewable LTU scholarship.

**(2) Wanted: Volunteers for Michigan Championship**

Robofest is looking for volunteers for Robofest Michigan Championship on Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am~4pm. 80 teams are coming to our Ridler Field House. We will select around 20 teams to represent Michigan for the World Robofest Championship.

To register as a volunteer, please go to

<http://robofest.net/rms/volunteer.ControllerServlet?action=CreateVolunteer&new=new&siteID=478>

The judge position needs an invitation code to register. If you would like to be a Judge, please email to Dr. Chung at [cchung@ltu.edu](mailto:cchung@ltu.edu).

The future depends on what we do in the present. Thank you for supporting our young generations.

**(3) Seminar on Robotics Simulator hosted by Robofest**

Title: Driving Simulators to Support the Design of Autonomous Vehicles

Tuesday, April 28, 12:30~1:15 p.m.

By Richard Romano, PhD, University of Iowa, President and founder, Realtime Technologies, Inc. (RTI)

Science Building, Room S217, Lawrence Tech Univ. in Southfield, Michigan

Everyone is welcome. Pizza and pop will be served.

**(4) Coach Awards**

We'd like to acknowledge some of our coaches who have 5, 10, and 15 years with Robofest as a coach!

15 year Coaches: Betsy Lamb and Elmer Santos

10 year Coaches: Karen Lepper and Julie Patterson

5 year Coaches: Bharat Ajmera, Fred Brauchler, Robb Colbrunn, Dae-won Lee, Wei Liu, and Jeri Tokumoto.

They will be recognized at the Michigan Championship or World Championship. If we missed anyone, please contact Dr. Chung at [cchung@LTU.edu](mailto:cchung@LTU.edu)

### **(5) Summer Camps**

Robofest Summer Day Camps for beginners in July and August at LTU in Michigan. Robofest will provide instruction, robots, and laptops. The students (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up) will receive hands-on instruction in the morning, and participate in a mini competition/event in the afternoon. These are great opportunities for new students. Registration will open in early.

Tuesday, July 14 – BottleSumo for Beginners

Thursday July 30, and Tuesday Aug 4 – RoboParade for Beginners.

### **(6) iOS Development Summer Program**

The Make School Summer Academy is a selective 8-week long program where you learn to design, code, and ship your own iPhone app. Get real world work experience and exposure to the entire product development lifecycle. Your app will be an impressive portfolio item that will set you apart during the job application process. Join our alumni network of students who work at companies like Apple, Dropbox, Facebook, Snapchat, Pandora and more. We're proud to attract students from over 40 different countries and offer scholarships to 40% of our admits. We are making admissions decisions every day with almost 800 applications in the system. If you're interested, apply at: [www.make.sc/competitions](http://www.make.sc/competitions) by April 30th."

### **(7) A team in South Africa is looking for travel sponsors**

A team, AbsentMinded consists of 5 members and a coach from South Africa is looking for travel sponsors. They would appreciate any amount of financial aid. If interested in supporting this team to travel to Michigan, please contact Paul Olivier, [paulolivier1342@gmail.com](mailto:paulolivier1342@gmail.com). Team website is at: <http://absent-minded.co.za>

### **(8) WRO STATE TOURNAMENT PARTNER SEARCH NOW UNDERWAY!**

WRO (World Robot Olympiad) is a global robotics competition with nearly 20,000 teams participating in 50+ countries. Robofest office, as WRO-USA organizer, is currently searching for State Tournament Partners interested in organizing and hosting a tournament in their state. Winning teams from each state will be invited to the 2015 National finals in Michigan. Winning teams at Nationals will be invited to represent the USA in the WRO International competition to be held this year in Qatar! Promote robotics education in your State and challenge our students to be part of an exciting opportunity to represent TEAM USA as they compete against the best in the World! Hurry--State Tournament Partner positions are limited. To learn more and to submit an online application form, please visit [www.wroboto.us](http://www.wroboto.us) .

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