

UPDATE #1 - 9/11



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Hello Teams,

We're so excited to welcome you to the **Show Me Gateway VIQRC MS Robotics Competition Signature Event!** Thank you for registering - we're truly humbled by the amazing number of teams already signed up. We can't wait to host you here in St. Louis and give you an event experience that feels a lot like the **World Championship**. This is going to be something special!

This is **Update #1**, and you'll hear from us a few more times as we get closer with more info and reminders.



Lodging

Since this is Missouri's **first-ever Signature Event**, you're part of something historic - and we want to make sure your trip is smooth and convenient. We've secured the **best group rate** for teams. Booking through our link isn't required, but we highly recommend it since the **Embassy Suites by Hilton is connected to the Convention Center**. That means you can walk right from your room to the competition floor in just minutes.



[Book your hotel rooms here](#)



Traveling

Flying in? The closest airport is **St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL)** - just a quick **15-minute drive** from the venue.



Venue Address

St. Charles Convention Center
1 Convention Center Blvd
St. Charles, MO 63303

There's **plenty of free parking** at the venue.



Payment



October 3rd is the payment deadline. Any teams that have not submitted payment or provided a PO to the EP after that date will be moved to the waitlist.



The Convention Center Experience

With **35,700 sq. ft. of space** and a **World Championship–style setup**, you can look forward to:

- Elevated competition fields
 - A dedicated pit area
 - A formal team procession
 - And a welcoming crew of experienced volunteers ready to make the event smooth and fun for everyone
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For more details, check out our [official event page](#).

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out - we'll be happy to help.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to St. Louis and making this an event your team will always remember!

UPDATE #2 - 9/24



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Hello Teams,

We're so excited that you will be joining us for the Show Me Gateway Signature Event! Our team is working hard to make this a truly memorable experience for your teams.

This is **Update #2** - To access previous email updates, please click [HERE](#).



Payments

The payment deadline for current registrants is **October 3rd, 2025**.

We depend on these funds to finalize event logistics, so we kindly ask that you complete your payment or send us a purchase order (PO) before this date. Any teams that have not submitted payment or provided a PO to me after this deadline will be moved to the waitlist. The event is currently full, and there are 14 teams on the waitlist. We greatly appreciate your timely attention to this matter.



Hotel

We have partnered with Embassy Suites by Hilton to secure the best possible rates for participating teams. Rooms are limited, so we encourage you to reserve early.

Each room includes:

- 2 queen beds
- 1 separate living room
- Sleeps up to 6 people
- Free breakfast
- Free parking
- Free Wi-Fi, etc.

The hotel is directly connected to the convention center, so you can walk straight from your room to the competition floor in just minutes.

[**RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE THROUGH OUR GROUP LINK HERE**](#)

For more details, please visit our official [event page](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.



We look forward to welcoming you to St. Louis!

UPDATE #3 - 9/30



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Hello Teams,

The big day is getting close, and we're working at full speed to make this a fantastic event for everyone involved. I know your students are putting in a lot of effort, planning, building, testing, strategizing, and more. Keep up the good work!

This is **Update #3** - To access previous email updates, please click [HERE](#).



Digital Engineering Notebook Submission

The deadline to submit your digital engineering notebooks is **Friday, November 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM EST**. Submission instructions can be found here: [How to Submit Digital Engineering Notebooks](#).



Apparel

We are partnering with [Fine Design](#) (the same company that provides apparel at Worlds) to offer on-site event merchandise. Attached, you'll find designs created specifically for our signature event. In addition, you'll have the option to choose from hundreds of custom designs on-site.



Hospitality Room for Coaches and Volunteers

We'll have a hospitality room available for all coaches and volunteers. Stop by to grab refreshments and snacks anytime.



Food

The Convention Center's Grille Café will be open and serving food during the event. We're working with them to keep prices as affordable as possible for teams. Menus and pricing will be shared soon.



Parking

Remember that parking at both the Convention Center and the hotel is free, with plenty of space available.



Hotel

If you run into any issues while booking (e.g., no rooms available for a certain date), please let me know right away. I'll work on getting more rooms added. Rooms are filling up quickly, so don't wait too long. [RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE THROUGH OUR GROUP LINK HERE](#)



Payments

Thank you to all teams that have already submitted payment or provided a PO. We understand that school-based teams often need extra time to process POs or payments. If that's the case for you - or if you're dealing with other circumstances that might delay payment - please let me know. The teams that have not submitted payment or provided a PO to me after the deadline will be moved to the waitlist. We do have teams on the waitlist, so we want to keep things fair for everyone.

More information will be shared weekly as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

For full details, visit our official [event page](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Louis!

UDPATE #4 - 10/16



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Hello Teams,

We hope your preparations are going well. We can't wait to welcome you to St. Louis! We'd like to share a few quick updates:

This is **Update #4** - To access previous email updates, please click [HERE](#).



Hotel

The hotel we partnered with for the group discount has run out of rooms. We originally reserved 45 rooms for this event but ended up with 72 rooms booked. Far more than we expected! Please check other hotels near the St. Charles Convention Center if you still need to book a room. There are several options within a 2-mile radius of the venue.



Payments

Registration fees are due within two weeks of registration or by October 31st, 2025, whichever comes first.

Note : Beginning in the 25/26 competition season, teams with unpaid purchase orders or unpaid event registrations that are 90 days past due will not be able to register for events including state and world championships.



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More information will be shared weekly as we get closer to the event. Please feel free to call me anytime at **(314) 356-1623** with any questions or concerns.

For full details, visit our official [event page](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Louis!

Update on Hotel

Good morning,

A quick update. If you're still looking to book a hotel, we recommend [Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis St. Charles](#)

In case you need alternatives, please check the link below:

<https://www.discoverstcharles.com/places-to-stay/hotels/>

These hotels come recommended by the Convention Center.

UPDATE #5 - 10/21



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Hello Teams,

We're less than a month away from the Show Me Gateway Signature Event!

This is **Update #5** - To access previous email updates, please click [HERE](#).

Please visit the link below for information about the venue map, menu, and other event details. We'll continue to update the content as needed.

<https://showmegateway.my.canva.site/>

As always, please feel free to call me anytime at **(314) 356-1623** or reply to this email with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Louis!

UPDATE #6 - 11/03



UPDATE #6 - 10/21

Hello Teams,

We're so excited that you'll be joining us soon!

This is **Update #6** - To access previous email updates, please click [HERE](#).

Pre-Event Survey (Required):

Please complete the short Show Me Gateway Team Survey by November 10th. [Team Survey Link](#).

Notebook Submission

Digital engineering notebook submission deadline is **Friday, November 7, 2025**. Submission instructions can be found here: [How to Submit Digital Engineering Notebooks](#).

Consent Forms:

If this is your first event, or if you haven't yet completed the REC Foundation's consent form on RobotEvents.com, please make sure to do so before the event.

Pit Area:

Each team will have an 8x10 booth (similar to below). Please feel free to bring decorations to set up your pit area. **Note:** No practice fields allowed at pit areas.

For the latest event details, please visit our [official event page](#).

As always, please feel free to call me anytime at (314) 356-1623 or reply to this email with any questions or concerns.