



The 2026 Official Rube Goldberg Machine Contest[®] Regional Qualifier Event

Lykens Valley Children's Museum (Pennsylvania - United States of America)

Event Date:	Saturday, March 14th, 2026
Event Address:	Upper Dauphin Area Middle School Gym 5668 U.S. Rte 209, Lykens, PA 17048
Doors Open for Teams to Begin Setup:	(Setup only) Friday, March 13th @ 6:00pm & Sat, March 14th @ 7:00am
Doors Open to the Public:	9:00am
Regional Contest Start Time:	10:00am
Step List Submission Link ALL Teams MUST Submit AT LEAST 24HRS in advance	https://forms.gle/HvFmHBJSBwayDMsK7

Primary Contact Information

Regional Host Coordinator:	Lisa Ditty
Global Contest Director:	Zach Umperovitch

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Venue Specific Information

Where to enter the building / venue space:	We have a back door with a ramp that is a bigger door, and a regular size door at the museum entrance.
Best Place for Team Parking (trailers included):	Across the street at a bank building.
Recommended location for audience parking:	Across the street at the bank building.
Food / Drink availability during the contest?	Yes, we will have a small concession
Height / Width Restrictions for any entrance:	We have doors that are regular height and 36 inches wide.
Water Accessibility (via bathroom, spigot, etc.):	bathroom
Are there stairs or elevators required to reach the event space?	We have 3 small steps from the entrance down into the museum floor. But we do have a ramp by the back door.
Additional information this Regional Host wishes to include about their Event space:	The LVCM is a hands-on learning museum and we are excited to welcome teams from across the area.

Cancellation Notice to All Registered Teams

Teams who chose to withdraw from this Regional Event must do so with at **LEAST 1** week notice to the Regional Host. Teams who give **LESS than 1 week** notice are subject to a **\$100 Cancellation Fee.**

Teams who “**No-Show**” from this Regional Event (i.e.: **did NOT cancel AND did NOT attend**) are subject to a **\$250 No-Show Fee**. Any and all penalty fees **MUST** be paid to participate in any future RGI contests.

Notice Regarding Qualifying to Advance to the 2026 World Championship RGMC[©]

ALL teams from **ALL** Divisions who successfully participate in-person at their designated Regional RGMC[©] location **ARE permitted** to advance to the 2026 World Championship RGMC[©] event, regardless of their final scoring position.

All qualifying teams will be provided access to the 2026 World Championship RGMC[©] Registration webpage **AFTER** their Regional RGMC[©] event has concluded.

Registered teams who either **do NOT attend**, “**No-Show**”, or become **Disqualified** for this Regional event will **NOT** receive an invitation to compete at the 2026 World Championship RGMC[©] event.

Notice Regarding Competing in Multiple Regional RGMC[©] Events

Teams **ARE permitted** to enter & compete at multiple Regional RGMC[©] events, however that team **MUST** register & pay the registration fee for **EACH** separate Regional event.

However, in the instance where a particular Regional location reaches maximum capacity & creates a standby list: if any team(s) for that event are registered for multiple events, that team will **automatically be removed** from that Regional event to generate room for the standby team(s). A refund will be granted.