

Hello Teams!

The ROBO-CON FRC Competition is coming up soon! We are excited to have you at our event to play Destination Deep Space one more time!

Our event is a bit unique in that we have our festival of robotics and STEM going on at the same time free for the public, but teams in attendance are more than welcome to participate as well during the hours it's running.

It's our 6th year holding the festival and 2nd for having a full off season event and we're glad you'll be with us to show our community and beyond what FIRST and competitive robotics are all about!

The event is located at The Center for Innovation (CFI) 170 Millville Rd in Lapeer and will be held in the main gym. (map attached)

Here is some important information about the event:

1. Event Information and Agenda

- <http://www.mirobocon.com/frc-event.html>
- Agenda is attached and on the website
- Current team list is on the website as well.
- There will be A/C in the building, ramped up from last year and hopefully cooler!
- Event will be streamed on Twitch via F.U.N. <https://www.twitch.tv/firstupdatesnow>
- Some exciting news...FIRST representatives from NH will be at our comp this year. One of our host teams sponsors and employers of some team members, Cypress Integration Solutions located here in Lapeer MI, has been working on new clocks/team displays for the fields and we will be the beta testers!
- We have routed the robot traffic away from public hallways this year. There will be a "robot tunnel" to and from the pits and main gym.

2. Parking and Load-In

- Load in is from 3-5 on Friday. Teams should be ready to go shortly after as the driver's meeting is at 5:45 with matches starting at 6.
- See attached map for entrance location and details.
- Trailers must be moved to the north parking lot on opposite side of the building to allow for public parking in the main lot.
- North Entrance of the building off the parking lot for trailers will be open so you won't have to walk all the way back around. Signs will be posted.
- Please see Pit Admin after loading in to check your team in.
- Pit size is 8x8 approx

3. Food

- Concessions will be available during both days of the competition. Items will consist of pizza, hot dogs, chips, candy, muffins, pop and water.
- Food trucks will be on site during the Festival hours on Saturday. These are Crazy Asian Yum Yum, 5 2 Oh, Sweet Whimsie, Kona Ice and Bubble Bee Tea
- You may bring in your own food or buy from local restaurants in Lapeer. There are several on Lapeer Rd (M-24) not far from CFI.
- We will have large tents outside for eating along with some seating inside the cafeteria. *Note that on Saturday the public will be there as well for the Festival and to watch the competition, so be mindful of your items.*

4. ROBO-CON Festival

- The festival itself runs from 10am - 4pm with activities in the adjoining cafeteria and auxiliary gym.
- Activities will only be open at this time, not during the entire FRC comp.
- Teams are more than welcome to engage in the activities available.
- Info on activities: <http://www.mirobocon.com/activities.html>
- We do get a lot of attendees for the festival. Some activities are located in the same gym as the pits, the big one being all the other robotics fields.
- Welcome Ceremonies will be held when the Festival is open instead of on Friday.

Any questions, please feel free to ask!

On behalf of Teams 1684 & 5460, thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

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