



Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team



2011 Kettering Kickoff Event Information and Agenda

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Greetings, Team!

The last of our 2011 summer events is upon us. The Kettering Kickoff Event is a great opportunity for new Students and their family to become acquainted with *FIRST* Robotics and experience a real competition. This event, while on a smaller scale than traditional *FIRST* Events, will allow new Students to decide whether or not the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team is the place for them. New Students and their family are encouraged to participate in the event, watch matches, peruse the Pit Area, cheer with the Team, and have a great time.

Please review the following information regarding the Kickoff event. And as always, please feel free to contact either Head Mentor with any questions you may have, via the information listed above.

Thanks,
Clinton and Brandi

Event Details:

Required Forms (due on or before Thursday, September 8, 2011):

1. All students (including those over the age of 18) are required to turn in a permission slip in order to attend the event. Valid Parent/Guardian signatures are required; however Teacher signatures are NOT necessary on this permission slip.

Transportation:

1. Event location: Kettering University's Connie and Jim John Recreation Center, 1700 West University Avenue, Flint, MI.
2. The Team will be meeting at Premier Tooling Systems to caravan to the event; however **students and Mentors are responsible for their own transportation to the event** (we will NOT be assigning drivers for this event).
3. Students may NOT drive any other student. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Students in need of transportation to the event should contact Clinton or Brandi to arrange a ride.
5. Free parking is available at the Recreation Center, and admission is free.
6. Please be punctual! Students who are not present at the time of departure will lose the opportunity to carpool with the rest of the team.
7. At the end of the event, Students should be picked up from Premier Tooling Systems at the designated time.

Food:

Friday:

1. Students and Mentors should eat lunch or a snack prior to leaving for the competition.
2. The Team will be pitching in for pizza on Friday night. *Please see Brandi on or before September 8 to place your order.*
3. Concessions will not be available for dinner on Friday night. If you wish to eat at the competition, you must pre-order your dinner with Brandi or bring a bagged meal.
4. Students and Mentors may also bring additional snacks or beverages to be consumed throughout the competition.

Saturday

1. Students and Mentors should eat breakfast at home prior to travel (if desired).
2. Students and Mentors should bring money to purchase lunch from the Concession Stands.
3. Students and Mentors may also bring additional snacks or beverages to be consumed throughout the competition.
4. Dinner will not be provided.

Uniform:

1. Students and Mentors may wear a team Hoodie or jacket on any day
2. Students and Team Mentors and visitors **MUST** wear safety glasses while in the Pit Area.
3. Students, Team Mentors, and any guests in attendance must wear closed-toe tennis shoes or boots in the Pit Area.
4. Shirt Schedule: *Friday* - 2011 Banquet (Nerd Glasses) shirt; *Saturday*: Black T-Shirt

Other Considerations:

1. Students, Mentors, Parents, and Guests are expected to be on their best behavior while with the Team, and must adhere to the Team Member Basic Conduct Guidelines and Team Member Expectations at all times. Per these agreements, any behavior or action(s) deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the Team (at the discretion of Head Mentors or School Liaison), will result in the Student's immediate dismissal from the competition. The Team will not be responsible for transporting the Student home; he/she must be picked up by his/her parents. The Team will NOT cover any cost to send a Student home due to inappropriate behavior.
2. While in the Pit area, any guest under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. The venue will be equipped with stadium-style seating. Please take into consideration any provisions that may need to be made for your personal comfort.



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Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, September 16, 2011

Time	Description
2:15pm	Meet at Premier Tooling Systems, ready for caravan
2:30pm	Leave for Kettering University
3:00pm - 4:45pm	Arrive at Kettering: load in, registration, and field open for calibration
5:00 - 6:45pm	Practice matches
7:00 - 8:00pm	Mentor contest (
7:00pm	Pre-order dinner served
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Team Social
10:00pm	Event Ends, doors close, depart for Grand Blanc
10:30pm	Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems, Students should be picked up

Saturday September 17, 2011

Time	Description
6:30am	Meet at Premier Tooling Systems
6:40am	Depart for Kettering University
7:00am	Arrive at Kettering University, Flint, MI
7:30am	Drivers' Meeting
8:00am	Opening Ceremonies
8:30am - Noon	Qualification Rounds
Noon - 1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Qualification Matches
3:00pm	Alliance Selection
4:00pm	Elimination Matches
6:00pm	Awards and Closing Ceremonies
7:00pm	Assist with Clean-Up and Tear Down
8:30pm	Depart Kettering University
9:00pm	Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems, Students should be picked up

* Times are estimated, and subject to change based on flow of rounds.