



Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team



Kettering University District Competition Agenda

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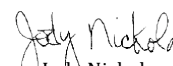
Hey, NERDs!

The following document is an overview of what you will experience at the Kettering District Competition Event, and what the Head Mentors, School Liaison, and Team Mentors will be expecting from Students, Parents and any Guests in attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Clinton or Brandi via the information listed above. Hope to see you at the competition!

Graciously,


Clinton Bolinger
Head Mentor


Brandi Bolinger
Head Mentor


Jody Nickola
School Liaison

Travel Information:

Required Documents and Forms:

1. Event Location Information:
Kettering University's Connie and Jim John Recreation Center
1700 West University Avenue, Flint MI (May be listed as West Third Avenue on some map/GPS systems), 48504
Recreation Center Desk Phone Number: 810.762.9732
2. All Students and Team Mentors must fill out an ONLINE *FIRST in Michigan Consent and Release Form*. If you have filled out this form for the Kickoff (in January), then you do not need to complete another form for this event. All Students must have a parent/guardian verify their online submission in order for the *FIRST in Michigan Consent and Release Form* to be accepted. Please do not fill out a paper version of the Consent and Release Form in lieu of the online version. Parents and guests are not required to fill out a *FIRST Consent and Release Form*.
3. All Students must submit a completed *Progress Report*, signed by each of his/her teachers. *Progress Reports* should indicate the current grade in each course, along with any missed work. All Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA throughout the 3rd Marking Period (Beginning January 24, 2012), in order to be excused from school on Friday to travel with the Team. Students who have not earned a 2.5 GPA will not be excused from school on Friday, but may travel with the Team on Saturday.
4. All Students must submit a completed *Permission Slip*, with a valid parent/guardian signature (including Students over the age of 18), and teachers' signature for each course. If a Student will not be attending the competition on a Friday that is listed on the *Permission Slip*, he/she should still complete the permission slip, and attend school. There is no need to adjust the dates listed on the *Permission Slip* if a student will not be attending any day of the event.
5. Any Student requiring medication (either prescription or non-prescription) during the Competitions must fill out a *Medical Authorization Form* and return it with the other required documents and forms. Medication must be delivered to Jody on the morning of the competition in the original container or prescription bottle, in a zip-seal bag, clearly labeled with the Student's name. The *Medical Authorization Form* may be obtained from Jody Nickola.
6. Any student that will be transported to or from the competition by any other means than a Team driver, which has been assigned by Brandi or Jody, must fill out a *Ride Release Form*. The *Ride Release Form* may be obtained from Jody Nickola (Please see Transportation Policy 4, as listed below, for more information).
7. All of the above mentioned documents are due at or before the Mandatory Student/Parent meeting on Monday, February 9, 2012. No late documents will be accepted. Students who miss the February 9th deadline will forfeit the opportunity to travel with the Team during the Thursday and Friday portions of the event, and will not be excused from school.

Meal Information:

1. Students, Team Mentors, and family should eat at home prior to travel (if desired). The Team WILL NOT stop for meals or snacks on the way to the events.
2. The cost for Students' meals is included in the pre-paid Team fee (Group meals will be provided by the assigned families; including a snack on Thursday, lunch on Friday, and lunch on Saturday. Meal Schedule is available on the Team calendar).
3. Funds for snacks, additional food, or meals larger than the allotted expense must be provided by individual families at their own expense, and at the discretion of parents/guardians. Team Mentors will NOT lend money to Students.
4. Any family or friends attending the competition must plan and pay for their own meals.
5. Students should eat prior to travel on the Thursday portion of the competition. Dinner is not provided.



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6. There will be a Team Dinner on the Saturday after each competition. The cost for students' Saturday dinner is included in his/her team fees (up to \$20). Friends and family are welcome to attend (space permitting), but must pay their own meal fees and gratuity. The Team will make reservations at a restaurant in the area around the competition venue. Information regarding these dinners will be made available as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Uniform Guidelines:

1. Students and Team Mentors should wear the Team shirts provided. Shirts should be professional in appearance (ironed or wrinkle-free), and clean. A long-sleeve shirt may be worn underneath, or Students and Team Mentors may wear a Team sweatshirt or jacket as an outer layer.
2. To ensure a uniform Team appearance, please use the following schedule:
Thursday: Red T-shirt Friday: Black T-shirt Saturday: Black "Mechanic" Shirt
3. Students and Team Mentors should wear appropriately styled blue jeans or shorts or appropriate length skirt (with tights or leggings) that is professional in appearance, without holes or tears, and a belt where necessary. Students and Mentors should be neatly groomed and professional in appearance.
4. Students, Team Mentors, and any guests in attendance must wear closed-toe tennis shoes or boots in the Pit Area.
5. Students and Team Mentors are responsible for bringing his/her own safety glasses to and from the competition. Students and Team Mentors who do not bring his/her own safety glasses to the competition will NOT be permitted to borrow Safety glasses from the Team, and thus will not be allowed in the pit area.
6. Safety Glasses will be available for guests in attendance to borrow, but must be returned after use.
7. While in the Pit Area, all Students, Team Mentors and Guests in attendance may not wear loose or baggy clothing, dangling jewelry, or other items that may cause a safety hazard. Long hair must be pulled back into a ponytail or braid that does not present a safety hazard.

Transportation and Attendance Policies:

1. All Students will be assigned a vehicle, which will be driven by an approved Team Mentor or Team Parent. Students may not switch vehicles without permission from Brandi AND Jody.
2. If a Student is not in their assigned vehicle by the designated time, the Team will leave without him/her. The Team will not turn around to pick up Students or wait for late-comers.
3. No Student may drive any other Student to or from this event. No exceptions.
4. Parents, friends, or other family members may not transport any Student (including their own student) without written permission from a Head Mentor *and* School Liaison. If a Student will be transported by a person other than their assigned driver, a release form must be completed. (For example, if a family is attending the Kettering District Competition Event on any day – even Saturday – and wishes to transport a Student, the aforementioned Student must be released from the supervision of the Team, via a written consent form, the *Ride Release Form*.) The Team must receive a release form for each Student, signed by his/her parent/guardian, for each leg of transportation in which he/she will not be transported by the Team. Please see Jody Nickola for a release form. Forms should be completed at least 2 days prior to the event.
5. Students leaving the competition early must check out with Brandi AND Jody before they leave. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action, up to and including, but not limited to suspension from further competitions.
6. Students requiring transportation to his/her home after the competition should have a ride waiting for him/her in the designated parking lot at the designated drop-off time. Parents may transport other Students after drop-off without a written release form, so long as permission has been granted by the Students' parents.
7. Any family or friends wishing to drive to competitions may do so at their own expense.
8. The team will not be responsible for the refund of any travel expenses (up to and including, but not limited to: transportation costs, meals, hotel accommodations or any other costs) of those Students who leave the competition early, arrive to the competition late, or do not attend the competition.

Behavior Expectations:

1. Any Student who does not attend the competition **MUST** attend school on Friday! Attendance will be verified.
2. Students are expected to be on their best behavior while traveling 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 and/or School Liaison), will result in the Student's immediate dismissal from the competition. The Team will not be responsible for transporting this Student home; they must be picked up by their parents. The Team will NOT cover any cost to send a Student home due to inappropriate behavior, and will not refund any costs associated with missed Team activities.
3. Parents, friends and family in attendance are also expected to behave in a manner that reflects Gracious Professionalism and represents Team 2337, Grand Blanc High School, and Team 2337's sponsors in a positive way. Any guests behaving inappropriately may be asked to leave.



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4. Devices that use Headphones, Earbuds, etc. will not be allowed in the pit area or on the Field, due to safety hazards.
5. Personal and/or valuable items (e.g. laptops, etc.) should be left at home during the competition. The Team is not responsible for these items, should they be lost or stolen. Large bags and backpacks should not be brought to the competition site, as seating is limited.
6. Students will be expected to keep the area around the Team's bleacher section clean and organized. Jackets should be neatly stacked, and all trash should be properly disposed of.
7. Students may not go outside of the competition venue (including into the parking lot) without permission from Clinton, Brandi or Jody, and must be accompanied by an adult Mentor or parent when exiting the building.
8. Each morning as they check-in with Brandi, students will receive a schedule of Team responsibilities. Each student is responsible for ensuring that he/she is *on time or early* to his/her assigned location, and that each of his/her individual assigned tasks are completed.
9. Students must use the "buddy system" at all times. Students not using the "buddy system" will receive one warning from Jody and/or Brandi, and on the second offense the students' parents will be called and the student will be sent home.
10. Running is not permitted anywhere inside the event facility. Students who are seen running will receive one warning. Any additional instances of running will cause the student to be placed with a mentor at all times.
11. Students should maintain a professional, respectful relationship among their peers. Inappropriate behavior such as horseplay, unnecessary physical contact, public displays of affection, cruel or inappropriate comments, inappropriate language and intentionally irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated.

Other Considerations:

1. The venues for most District Competitions will be equipped with Bleacher-style seating. Patrons may bring cushions or stadium chairs to supplement the hard surface. The Team will not be responsible for any such items.
2. Photography and videography are permitted and encouraged.
3. Any guest under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Pit Area.
4. Venues tend to be very hot or very chilly during competitions. Please take into consideration any provisions that may need to be made for your personal comfort.



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Tentative Schedule of Events – Wednesday, February 29, 2012 - *OPTIONAL*

Time	Description
4:00pm	Meet at Kettering University for field set-up
8:00pm*	Set-Up Complete (students should be picked up from Kettering)

Tentative Schedule of Events – Thursday, March 1, 2012

Time	Description
4:15pm	Meet at Premier Tooling Systems, students check-in and move to their assigned vehicles
4:30pm	Depart for Kettering University
5:00pm – 10:00pm	Arrive at Kettering University, complete registration, Robot inspection, etc.
6:30pm	Hearty Snack served
10:00pm	Depart for Premier Tooling Systems
10:30pm*	Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems, Students should be picked up

Tentative Schedule of Events – Friday, March 2, 2012

Time	Description
7:15am	Meet in GBHS West Campus parking lot, students check-in and move to their assigned vehicles
7:30am	Depart for Kettering University, Flint, MI
8:00am*	Arrive at Kettering University, Flint, MI, gain seating section in venue
8:00am	Pits and Machine Shop Open
10:30am	Opening Ceremonies
11:00am – 1:00pm	Seeding Matches
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Break
2:00pm – 7:00pm	Seeding Matches
8:00pm**	Pit Area Closes, Depart Kettering University
8:30pm*	Arrive at GBHS West Campus parking lot, Students should be picked up

Tentative Schedule of Events – Saturday, March 3, 2012

Time	Description
7:15am	Meet in GBHS West Campus parking lot, students check-in and move to their assigned vehicles
7:30am	Depart for Kettering University, Flint, MI
8:00am	Arrive at Kettering University, Pits and Machine Shop Open
9:00am	Opening Ceremonies
9:00am – 12:30pm	Seeding Matches
12:30pm	Alliance Selections
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Served (provided for Students and Mentors)
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Elimination Matches
5:00pm	Awards Ceremony
6:00pm**	Pack Robot and Pit Materials
6:00-9:00pm*	Assist with field tear-down and load trailer
9:30pm*	Team Dinner – Location TBD
11:00pm*	Arrive in GBHS West parking lot, Students should be picked up

* Times are most subject to change

** Pit area closes at scheduled time or one hour after the last match, whichever is later