



Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team



2012 Kickoff Event Information and Agenda

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Hey NERDs!

The 2012 *FIRST* Robotics season is nearly upon us! Our favorite time of the year, Kickoff, is just around the corner. It is *strongly* encouraged that ALL students and Mentors attend the Kickoff Event. Due to limited seating, parents may not attend the broadcast at Kettering University's McKinnon Theatre, but are welcome to join us for our strategy session and lunch. For more information about the broadcast, visit [FIRST's Kickoff Information site](#).

FIRST requires all students and Mentors attending the event to complete the online [FIRST in Michigan Consent and Release form](#). All students and mentors must log into STIMS to complete the form. Due to *FIRST* and *FIRST in Michigan* restrictions, any Student or Mentor who does not have this form completed (Students' form must be signed by a legal guardian, even if they are 18) will not be allowed to participate in the viewing. Extra copies will NOT be available the day of the event.

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, January 5, 2012):

1. All students (including those over the age of 18) are required to turn in a permission slip in order to attend the event. Teacher signatures are NOT required on this permission slip. Permission slips are available on the [Team Website](#).
2. All students and all Mentors are required to fill out the ONLINE *FIRST in Michigan Consent and Release Form*. All students must obtain a parent/legal guardian authorization (via e-mail) before their form will be considered valid.

Transportation:

1. Event location: Kettering University's McKinnon Theatre, 1700 West University Avenue, Flint, MI.
2. The Team will be meeting at Premier Tooling Systems to carpool to the event.
3. Students may NOT drive any other student. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Parking is available behind the Academic Building at Kettering University. Please see attached map for further instructions.
5. 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.
6. Students should be picked up from Premier Tooling Systems at the designated time.

Food:

1. Students and Mentors should eat breakfast at home prior to travel (if desired).
2. Lunch (food and a beverage) will be provided at the event.
3. Students and Mentors may also bring additional snacks or beverages to be consumed throughout the afternoon/evening brainstorming session.
4. Dinner will not be provided.

Uniform:

1. Students should wear their black "Friday" t-shirt if available. You may also wear a team Hoodie or jacket if you have one.
2. Safety glasses may be required, and will NOT be available at the event.



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2012 Kickoff Tentative Schedule of Events *Saturday January 7, 2012*

Time	Description
7:30am	Meet at Premier Tooling Systems
7:40am	Depart for Kettering University
8:00am	Arrive at Kettering University, Flint, MI
8:10am	Proceed to McKinnon Theatre, Complete Registration, and be seated
8:30am – 9:15am	“Drive Systems Reliability and Troubleshooting” Workshop
9:20am – 10:00am	“Driving Your Robot with MS Connect” Workshop
10:30am	FIRST Kickoff Broadcast begins
11:30am	Broadcast Ends
11:30am	Pick up Kit of Parts, proceed to lecture hall for brainstorming session.
12:00pm	Lunch (provided)
12:30pm to 7:00pm	Strategy and Brainstorming Session at Kettering University (room .
7:00pm	Depart for Premier Tooling Systems
7:20pm	Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems; Students should be picked up promptly.



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