Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team

2014 "Kettering Kickoff" Event Information and Agenda

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Hey, NERDs!
School is beginning, and we're almost ready to retire "Das Bull" but before we do, it's time for our second-to-last off-season event, Kettering Kickoff. This 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 18, 2014):

1. All GBHS 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.
2. Any student wishing to participate in the Team Social on Friday night must fill out the "Assumption of Risk, Covenant Not to Sue and Release Form" AND "Authority to Provide Emergency Medical Treatment Form" provided by Kettering University. This MUST be signed by a parent or Legal Guardian. Copies WILL NOT be available on the day(s) of the event.
3. All Students, and Mentors attending the event must RSVP on the "Kettering Kickoff RSVP" document provided in the Team Hub.
    a. RSVP Must be completed by September 7
    b. Only the first 20 Students/Mentors who sign up to attend the event will receive a free event t-shirt.
    c. Additional shirts and shirts for people who are NOT attending the event can be ordered on the RSVP form for $10.00 each.
4. All required forms are available in the "Team Documents" section of the "Team Hub" (on the website).

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; **WE ARE IN NEED OF PARENT DRIVERS.**
3. Students may NOT drive any other student. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Free parking for guests is available at the Recreation Center, and admission is free.
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. 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. Students wishing to partake must fill out the "Friday Dinner Order" online (from the Team Documents section) and turn in cash payment (to Brandi) by Thursday, September 11.
3. Light Concessions will be available for dinner on Friday night. If you wish to eat at the competition, and do not pre-order, you must bring money to pay for your own dinner or bring a bagged meal.

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 or pack a lunch.
3. Outside food is permitted in the arena, so you may pack a meal for any day.
4. The Team has reservations at Aubrey's in Grand Blanc on Saturday night.
    a. Cost is $15.00 per person and includes unlimited pizza, breadsticks, salad, non-alcoholic drink, gratuity and tax.
    b. Dinner is open to Team Members, family, and friends, but space is limited. RSVP is required.
    c. Please RSVP and bring check for the full amount payable to GBCS to Brandi no later than September 18.

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, and are responsible for bringing their own!
3. Students, Team Mentors, and any guests in attendance must wear closed-toe tennis shoes or boots to the event.
4. Shirt Schedule: *Friday* – *Red Team T*-shirt; *Saturday:* Black Team T-Shirt (NOT mechanic shirt)
5. If you do not own a team uniform, borrow one from a friend or see Brandi to purchase shirts ($8.00 each, limited sizes are available).

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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 bleacher seating. Please take into consideration any provisions that may need to be made for your personal comfort.
4. The Kettering Kickoff will be collecting items from a proscribed list (available on the Team Documents Section of the Team Website) to create care packages for deployed members of the US Military. Please consider downloading the information and donating to this cause.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Time	Description
4:00pm	Meet at Kettering University
4:00pm – 8:00pm	Set up Field (pizza and pop dinner provided)
8:00pm	Students should be picked up at Kettering

Friday, September 19, 2014

Time	Description
2:30pm	Meet at Premier Tooling Systems, ready for caravan. Students MUST check in with Brandi.
2:35pm	Leave for Kettering University
3:00pm	Arrive at Kettering, Load In
3:00 – 10:00pm	Practice matches, Mentor Contest, Team Social, Dinner, Open Swim, Wally Ball, Kettering Tours
10:00pm	Event Ends, doors close, depart for Grand Blanc
10:30pm	Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems, Students should be picked up on time

Saturday September 21, 2013

Time	Description
6:30am	Meet at Premier Tooling Systems, Students MUST check in with Brandi
6:45am	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
4:00pm	Alliance Selection
4:30pm – 6:30pm	Elimination Matches
6:30pm	Awards and Closing Ceremonies
7:00pm	Assist with Clean-Up and Tear Down, load trailer
8:45pm**	Depart Kettering University once Trailer is Loaded – WE CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL IT'S DONE!
9:00pm**	Tentative dinner reservations at Aubrey's in Grand Blanc – PLEASE RSVP. Students should be picked up at the restaurant following dinner.

* Times are estimated, and subject to change based on flow of rounds.
** Subject to change – we MUST stay until the trailer is completely loaded.