



Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team



"Kettering Kickoff Competition" Event Information and Agenda

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Hey, NERDs!

By the time Kettering Kickoff rolls around, School will be underway! This event is a great opportunity for VEX Students and their family to become more acquainted with *FIRST* Robotics and experience a competition; and 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 *FIRST* Team is the place for them. VEX Students, as well as new Students and their families are encouraged to participate in the event, watch matches, peruse the Pit Area, cheer with the Team, and have a great time. Should Students decide that *FIRST* is not the place for them, the VEX Teams are still open for membership, and will continue to meet through the VEX State Championship (if qualified). If no VEX Teams qualify for States, the VEX Teams will meet until winter break.

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. E-mail or Text Message is generally the best way to get in touch with us.

Thanks,
Clinton and Brandi

Event Details:

Required Forms (due on or before Tuesday, September 12, 2017):

1. All Students must complete all required forms in the he "VEX Team Contract" before they attend as a member of the Team, or without parent supervision. Students who have not completed their Team Contract MAY NOT be left at the event without Adult supervision.
2. 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.
3. Any student wishing to participate in the event on FRIDAY 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. These forms must be PRINTED and given to Brandi WITH your permission slip.
4. All Students and Mentors attending the event must RSVP on the link available at www.team2337.com/2017VEX
5. If possible, Team Members should sign up for:
 - a. Team Text Message Alerts via Remind before the eventn - Directions to receive messages: text "@2337vex" to (810) 655-9746 OR visit <https://www.remind.com/classes/2337vex/messages>
 - b. Team Alpha Slack – send Brandi and email to request an invitation

Transportation:

1. Event location: Kettering University's Connie and Jim John Recreation Center, 1700 West University Avenue, Flint, MI.
2. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the event.
3. The Team will be meeting at the Recreation Center.
4. Free parking for guests is available at the Recreation Center in Lot 3 (behind the Rec Center and Thompson Hall. Enter off of Chevrolet), and admission is free.
5. Please be punctual! The Team is counting on you to be on time, and do your part!
6. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the location indicated on the schedule of events each day.
7. If you are a parent(s) that can transport Students in need of a ride, please post in the Alpha Slack, and indicate how many additional Students you can transport.
8. If you are a Student that needs a ride, check the Alpha Slack to see who's available to give rides, and contact that person to arrange transportation. DO NOT ASSUME YOU HAVE A RIDE UNLESS YOU HAVE ARRANGED ONE.

Food:

We STRONGLY encourage Students to bring and use a reusable water bottle that is CLEARLY labeled with his/her name, and stay hydrated throughout the event, utilizing the water bottle filling stations throughout the venue. Kettering has Detroit water!

Thursday:

1. Pizza and pop/water will be provided for Students, Mentors, and Parents who assist with the field set-up.
2. If you do not want pizza for dinner, you may pack your own food.

Friday:

1. Students and Mentors should eat lunch or a snack prior to leaving for the competition.
2. Concessions will be available for dinner on Friday night. If you wish to eat at the competition, you must bring money to purchase your own food or bring a packed meal to eat at the event.

Saturday:

1. Students and Mentors should eat breakfast at home prior to travel (if desired).
2. DeDee Fuller is coordinating a pre-order dinner option for Students, Mentors, and Family. Please see the Alpha Slack for ordering options. **Pre-Order submissions are due WITH PAYMENT by Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm.**



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3. Concessions will be available for lunch on Saturday. If you wish to eat at the competition, and did not participate in the pre-order option, you must bring money to purchase your own food or bring a packed meal to eat at the event.
4. Outside food is permitted in the arena, so you may pack a meal or a snack for any day.
5. We will be going out for an unofficial Team dinner afterwards. Toni Limban will be coordinating the dinner after the event. More details (including location, price, and reservation instructions) will be sent via the VEX email list and Slack Message once everything is settled.

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. Sandals, Crocs and open-toed or open-heeled shoes are NOT permitted in the pit area.
4. Students should wear jeans, appropriate length shorts, capri pants or an appropriate length skirt that is professional in appearance and suitable for physical activity, and please wear a belt if necessary. Leggings are only permitted if there is a garment (skirt or shorts) worn over.
5. Wear closed-toe shoes. Do not wear sandals.
6. Recommended Shirt Schedule: Black shirts on Friday, and Red Shirts on Saturday.
 - a. If you have paid your VEX Team fee, and have not received your shirt, please see Brandi at a Team meeting. *NOTE: you will receive a black OR red shirt with your VEX fee, but not both.*
 - b. If you do not have a red and black shirt, please just wear any CLEAN Team shirt on Friday AND Saturday.
7. Additional Team shirts are available for purchase for \$8.00 each.
 - a. Sizes and colors are limited, see Brandi to purchase at any Team meeting.
 - b. Team hoodies are available for \$25.00 each
 - c. Family and friends can purchase Team shirts at the same rate as Team members
 - d. Accepted methods of payment: cash or check/money order payable to GBCS

Completing Deliverables at the Event:

1. The following deliverables will be available for completion:
 - a. Initial Member Competition Deliverables – Scouting (be sure to download the KETTERING version)
 - b. Initial Member Competition Deliverables – Attend a Competition
2. The following deliverables WILL NOT be available at the competition:
 - a. Initial Member – Driver/Operator Skills Challenge
 - b. Advanced Level – Drive Coach Skills Challenge
3. Students who wish to complete these challenges must bring copies (printed or digital) of their own Deliverables instructions. Copies will not be available. Deliverables are available online at: <http://www.team2337.com/2017vex.html>
4. Students are responsible for transporting his/her own Engineering Notebooks and writing utensils.
5. Deliverables will be checked at a Team Meeting following the event (NOT at the event)

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 Contract 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. The buddy system must be used at all times, and Students may NOT leave the building unless they have checked out with Brandi AND have adult supervision. Students who are in violation of these policies may be sent home.
3. Public displays of affection between Students is not permitted.
4. While in the Pit area, any guest under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
5. 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. Bleacher Chairs (\$40) and Seat Cushions (\$5) with the Team logo are for sale, too.
6. The event tends to be loud. Ear plugs are available in our Team's Pit, or you may bring your own ear protection.
7. Words to the Team's "Math Cheer":
*E to the X to the X
E to the Y to the Y
Secant, Tangent, Cosine, Sine
Three Point One Four One Five Nine
Go NERDs, Go NERDs, EngiNERDs!*



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Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Time	Description
4:00pm	Meet at Kettering University
4:00pm – 7:30pm*	Field Set-Up (pizza dinner provided)
7:30pm-ish*	Students must be picked up at Kettering as soon as field set-up is complete. This may end earlier or later, depending on how many people show up and how hard they work.

Friday, September 15, 2017

Time	Description
4:00pm	Meet at Kettering
4:00pm – 9:00pm	Practice matches, Mentor Contest, Team Social, Dinner, etc.
9:00pm	Event Ends, Students should be picked up

Saturday September 16, 2017

Time	Description
7:00am	Meet at Kettering University, Flint, MI
7:30am	Drivers' Meeting
8:00am	Opening Ceremonies
8:30am - Noon	Qualification Rounds
Noon – 12:30pm	Lunch Break
12:30pm – 3:30pm	Qualification Matches
3:30pm	Alliance Selection
4:00pm – 7:00pm	Elimination Matches
7:00pm*	Awards and Closing Ceremonies
After Awards	Assist with Clean-Up and Tear Down (we must stay until the ENTIRE field is torn down. Students WILL BE EXPECTED to stay the whole time, and assist the Team(s) with tear down and cleanup. We do not have to load the trailer.)
9:00pm*	Depart Kettering University, possible unofficial Team Dinner

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