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Note: All times are listed in EDT

(0) Video Submission Reminders

Two reminders for two separate video deadlines:

- Video Qualifier (Game or Exhibition) Submission deadline is noon, Friday April 11.
- If you are a US non-MI exhibition team that advanced from a qualifier, you need to submit a video of your exhibition project by noon Friday April 18. These videos will be used as part of the screening process for World Championship.

(1) Wanted: Volunteers

Robofest competitions are in need of volunteers to staff their events. To sign up online, go to <http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/YearLocationLookup.jsp>. You will see a list of sites with dates. Select a site, then click on New Volunteer Registration link. Thank you in advance for supporting Robofest!

(2) Judging Guidelines Available

Judging guidelines and materials are available online. This includes training presentations, webinars, judging rubrics, and scoresheets.

For Game judging materials, go to <http://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/game>. For Exhibition judging materials go to <http://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/exhibition>. Judging materials are in the *Judging Information* section.

(3) Michigan Championship

Michigan Championship will be held on May 3, 2014 at LTU. We are looking for volunteers to help with the competition. If you are available, please register at <http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=422>. If you know someone who might be interested in Robofest volunteer positions, please let them know of this opportunity. Judge position needs an invitation code to register. If you would like to be a Judge, please email to Faith Chu (Kurily), Robofest Coordinator at fkurily@ltu.edu. Robofest needs volunteers like you to help the event run smoothly. Please also visit the Michigan Championship page of the website at www.robofest.net → 2013-2014 Programs → Michigan Championship, as it will be continued to be updated with information about the event.

(4) Open Competition Registration for World Championship open!

Open competition categories for World Championship (BottleSumo, BottleZone, Unknown Mission Challenge) are open for registration on www.robofest.net. Registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. There are separate registration sites for MI and Non-MI

(including international) teams. Some seats are left for Non-Michigan or International teams. Register now!

(5) Inaugural World conference on Integrated STEAM Education through Robotics

(WISER 14) May 16, 2014

Since robotics is all about STEM and art is tightly connected to all the S. T. E. M. components, interest in integrated “STEAM (or TEAMS) learning through robotics” has been increased. We would like to gather together to share experiences and knowledge and exchange ideas in Robotics education as well as educational robotics for the effective STEAM (or TEAMS) learning environment. In addition we would like to discuss how to advance robotics education and educational robotics ultimately for humanity through the STEAM (or TEAMS) learning paradigm. Call for participation is open for the May 16, 2014 event! Visit <http://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/wiser>

(6) World Championship

World Championship will be held on May 16-17, 2014 at LTU. Please also visit the World Championship page of the website at www.robofest.net → 2013-2014 Programs → World Championship, as it will be continued to be updated with information about the event.

(7) Michigan Robotics Week

Robofest will have a booth as part of the Michigan Robotics Week event at UM Ann Arbor. Come visit the booth on Thursday April 10. For more information please go to <http://www.mirobotics.org>.

(8) FANUC Open House

FANUC is hosting an open house on April 11 as part of National Robotics Week and will include tours, demonstrations, and robot photo opportunities. Registration is required to attend via the FANUC website - <http://www.fanucamerica.com/events/nationalroboticsweek/>.

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