

Robofest e-Newsletter, 10-11-13

Note: All times are listed in EDT

(1) Inaugural GRAF (Global Robotic Arts Festival) registration is open

The inaugural GRAF organized by LTU Robofest office will be held on November 22-23, 2013 at Macomb Community College. To register interactive robotics teams for visual and performing arts categories, please go to www.robofest.net and click on GRAF link.

(2) Michigan Council of Women in Technology GRAF grants

Michigan Council of Women in Technology (MCWT) is offering five \$100 GRAF grants for all-girl teams! Eligibility: 1) An adult coach must register by Oct 22. 2) Teams must be all-girls in grades 4-12 from the state of Michigan. For more information and to apply, visit www.robofest.net/graf.htm and click on "MCWT Grant for All-Female teams Application Form" towards the bottom of the page.

(3) Robofest Fall Informational Webinar Replay Available & Spring Informational Meetings

- If you missed our fall informational meetings, the webinar is available for replay. Use the link https://ltu.wimba.com/launcher.cgi?room=ltechu_s_106_1_212621_2013_1005_1208_33. Please run Wimba setup before listening to make sure your computer settings are up to date. You will be prompted to enter your name and must do so prior to entering the webinar replay
- Informational Webinar for International Teams for Spring 2014 – Robofest
 - Tuesday, October 29 2013, 8pm
 - Webinar information to follow (open to everyone, not just international teams)
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Robofest Spring Season (Game, Exhibition, etc) Kick-Off Meetings (All meetings take place in LTU Management Building Room M210) Webinar Link (webinar replay will be posted online the week of 12/8)
 - Wednesday, December 4 2013, 3pm
 - Friday, December 6 2013, 6:30pm
 - Saturday, December 7 2013, 10am

(4) 8th Annual RoboParade registration is open

8th Annual Thanksgiving RoboParade will be held in multiple cities across the nation. Detroit and Warren, Michigan; Sugar Land, Texas; and St. Petersburg, Florida are organizing RoboParade in the 2013-14 year. To register teams, please go to www.robofest.net and click on RoboParade link.

(5) NXT-G and EV3 Parade Workshops

Workshops are for registered teams only. Please email Robofest Coordinator Faith Kurily fkurily@ltu.edu to sign up.

- RoboParade Workshops (with NXTG): Saturday October 12, 2013 9am~Noon, OR 1pm-4pm LTU Arts & Sciences Bldg S321. Same workshop repeated twice.
- RoboParade Workshop (with EV3): Saturday October 26 2013 9am-12pm, OR 1-4pm. LTU Arts & Science Bldg S321. Same workshop repeated twice.

(6) RoboParade Camp for rookie teams is open

Sat. Nov. 2, 2013, 8:30am ~ 4pm. Charles Wright Museum in Detroit; Workshop in the morning and the event in the afternoon. A rookie team with 1~3 members (5th grade ~ 8th grade students); an adult coach must register online (Site name is "Detroit_CWM_MI_ParadeCamp").

Space is limited to only 10 teams – we have a few spots left so register today! Registration fee per team is \$30. Visit <http://www.robofest.net/2013/roboParade13chwm.pdf> for more information and to register.

(7) Mentor Connection program

Schools and teams are looking for technical mentors. If you are interested in helping with teams as technical mentors, please contact Faith Kurily, Robofest Coordinator, fkurily@ltu.edu. We will connect you to teams in need of technical help.

(8) Seeking Site Hosts for 2013~14 Competitions

Robofest provides unique opportunities to maximize math and science learning through autonomous robotics. However, in contrast to other big robotics competitions, it does not require teams to hold major fundraisers to underwrite the cost of participation. Robofest is now seeking site hosts for the 2013~14 year. RoboParade hosting opportunities in the fall of 2013 are open. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of 2014 are also open. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at robofest@ltu.edu or check out www.robofest.net and click on *For Site Hosts* link.

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