



Senior Mentor Report September 2, 2009

Hi Everyone,

Our thoughts and best wishes are with everyone effected by the fires and with the fire fighters and law enforcement who are working so hard to keep everyone safe.

Just a short newsletter to pass along some new information.

All my best,
-Nancy Mc

FIRST Senior Mentor Los Angeles

A 2nd Request from Jim Beck FIRST Regional Director:

Please contact Jim Beck our California Regional Director for FIRST if your FRC team is interested in participating at the Rockwell Automation show at the Anaheim convention center on November 11 or 12 ,2009.He needs four teams to demonstrate last year’s game on a half playing field. Rockwell will cover travel costs and accommodation services for the participating teams. Approximately 3-5 team members and a mentor are needed to represent each team. You will be demonstrating your robot over the course of the day with another Lunacy robot. Your robot must be capable of picking up and depositing or firing moon rocks. Trailers are required, and moon rocks will be supplied. Contact Jim at jlbeck@yahoo.com.



Annual Fall Classic

Early sign up at \$150 has been extended to 6pm on 9/18 due to the short time between when many schools are starting and the event. There are also discounts for each “Key Volunteer” provided by your team contact David Brinza (dbrinza@ix.netcom.com) or LeRoy Nelson (leroynelson@earthlink.net) for more information. If lack of funds is the only reason your team cannot attend, please contact us and we will work something out.

San Diego Organizing Committee to Host the Fall Workshops for 2009

The Fall Workshop is scheduled for Saturday Nov 7, 2009. The location will be at Escondido Charter High School. This is a “Save the date” message. As soon as more information is available I will be glad to provide you with updates.

Notes From Manchester:



Check out their new website at www.usfirst.org



Ideas for Securing Funds

Teams in the Torrance area: Since you are within the area where there is a Dow facility you can submit an application for funding. There are no guarantees but it is worth the try. Send information to

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The Dow Chemical Company
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Kickoff 2010



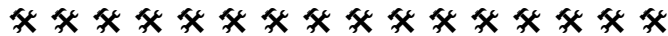
We are pleased to announce that USC will again host kickoff and Kit pick up on January 9, 2010. More will follow as the date approaches.



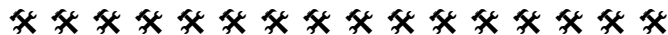
FIRST Scholarships



Invite new team members and parents to check out all of the scholarship opportunities that are available to FRC and FTC teams.



1. Kickoff for Smart Move will be September 3, 2009
2. There are already more than 4,000 FLL teams registered.
3. For more information on FLL events in the Los Angeles area please contact LeRoy Nelson at leroynelson@earthlink.net



We hope you can attend all or part of the Los Angeles FTC Kick-off event. This year's event will be held at San Marino High School with the support of Team #25, Rock n Roll

Robots and rookie Team #3596, the Firebirds!

There will be a FaceOff! scrimmage in the early afternoon for any teams that would like to bring their 'bot from last year to compete until the new game is revealed. Also new teams or potential new teams are encouraged to come to the scrimmage and try driving some robots from last year!

Who should come: Veteran & new FTC teams, parents, potential mentors & volunteers, and anyone else interested in robot fun!

Where: San Marino High School - 2701 Huntington Dr, San Marino, CA 91108

Schedule of events:

12:00 - 2:00pm	FaceOff! Scrimmage
2:00 - 2:15pm	New game release!
2:15 - 3:30pm	Game discussion & brainstorm

Please provide the information below so we can plan appropriately and direct any additional questions to FTC@losangelesFIRST.info. And please check for news & announcements here: www.losangelesFIRST.info.

See you Saturday!

Sincerely,
Suparna Mukherjee
Los Angeles FTC Affiliate Partner
FTC@losangelesFIRST.info

The San Diego Regional FTC Championship is (tentatively) set for December 12, 2009 at the same place as last year (Madison High School in San Diego).

We will send another email blast when the date is confirmed with details on how to register. Please save the date!

We hope to see you all in San Diego!
John Brooks

FTC Affiliate Partner, San Diego

LAS VEGAS, NV:

We plan a workshop for FTC on Oct 3, with a scrimmage on December 5 (at the FLL tournament) and our FTC Challenge on January 30, 2010 at our new venue Northwest Career and Technical Academy.

10/3/2009 Workshop at Northwest Career and Technical Academy.

12/5/09 Scrimmage at Cimarron Memorial HS with the FLL event

01/29/10 Early Check-In and Inspection Practice available on field 6 pm -9:00 pm

01/30/10 Championship Event Northwest Career and Technical Academy, 8200 W. Tropical Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89149



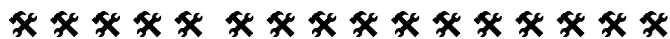
I Know Many FRC Teams also Play Vex

With so many teams involved in multiple platforms I am glad to provide competition information to support your school programs Ralph Mills will be your best source for information. ralphmills@aol.com

The game for 2009 2010 is Clean Sweep and can be found at www.vexrobotics.com

You can also find additional information at www.robotevents.com

CSUN Vex Regional Saturday, December 12, 2009



Upcoming Events 2009

- September 19, 2009 Fall Classic Team Registration at www.robotevents.com

- November 7, 2009 Fall Workshop Escondido.
- Vex Regional at CSUN Dec 12, 2009
- January 9, 2010 Kickoff and Kit Pick Up USC Register on the FIRST TMS page



If you have news that I can share with the *FIRST* teams you are welcome and encouraged to send it to me.

If you would like to write on a particular topic I am happy to provide space in this newsletter.



Reminder # 1 Use the fall wisely, FRC kickoff will be here before you know it.

Reminder # 2 See if there any potential new teams out there for you to mentor.

Reminder #3 Develop relationships with local machine shops.

Reminder # 4 Work on your business plans.

*"The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once. " **Albert Einstein***

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