

Robofest e-Newsletter, 8-25-14

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Note: All times are listed in EDT

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### **(1) RoboParade® and Global Robotics Art Festival (GRAF) 2014**

RoboParade and Global Robotics Art Festival (GRAF) will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 with a Halloween RoboParade theme. The event will be held at Macomb Community College Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088. Registration is open to all across the USA and around the world. Registration begins Monday, August 25 at <http://www.robofest.net>.

Florida RoboParade, to be held November 8, registration will begin soon. If you are interested in hosting RoboParade in your city, please check out the Information to become a RoboParade Site Host in 2014-15 at <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

### **(2) RoboParade Workshops September 20 and October 4**

Workshops instructing students and coaches on programming Lego EV3 robots using EV3 software for the upcoming RoboParade will take place on Saturday, September 20 and a repeated session on October 4, 2014, 9:00 am ~ 12 noon at LTU. Teams must be registered for the RoboParade to be held October 25 in Warren; an adult coach is recommended to attend with students, and it is also recommended that the team bring their own laptop. Basic assembled EV3 robots will be provided. There is no charge for the workshop.

### **(3) World Robot Olympiad (WRO) team registration is still OPEN**

Everyone can still compete in WRO via video submission! Upload a 5 to 8 minute video of your robot performing the Regular game or Open category to a video sharing site such as YouTube. Deadline to submit a video link to [robofest@LTU.edu](mailto:robofest@LTU.edu) is Sat. Sep. 13, Noon. WRO-USA will decide the invitation to the USA final within 72 hours after your submission. For more information on WRO or to register video submission teams, go to <http://wroboto.us>

### **(4) Seeking Site Hosts for 2014~15 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 2014~15 year. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of 2015 are available. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact

Robofest office at [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) or check out <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

**(5) Official Robofest 2013-14 Overview Video**

Official Robofest Overview Video summarizing 2013-14 year in 9 min 26 seconds is on YouTube at: <http://youtu.be/2KPPPd3lbc>

**(6) Save the Dates for Robofest 2015**

Thu. Dec. 4, 2014 Time TBD, Kick-off meeting and webinar

Sat. May 2, 2015: Michigan Championship

Fri. May 15, 2015: World Championship BottleSumo, UMC, and WISER

Sat. May 16, 2015: World Championship Game, Exhibition, and VCC

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