

Team Leaders,

Please share the following information with team parents. This will also be posted on robotevents, Twitter and Facebook.

Teams on this mailing list are those who have qualified and registered for the State Championship as of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This email will contain information for all four events happening during the state championship.

- Location
  - The championship is held in the Event Center (next to expo hall). Same as last year.
- Fair Tickets- Every person entering the venue MUST have a fair ticket
  - Each team will be given 5 free tickets to use however they want.
  - More information to come on ticket distribution/pickup
  - If you need to purchase a ticket you can get a discounted ticket at [this link](#)
  - Want a free ticket??? Each volunteer will receive a free fair ticket. You can sign up [www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch](http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch)
- Dates/Divisions
  - Please double check the dates that you are competing. The event is Sunday/Monday
  - To help with set up teardown we are mixing VRC and IQ both days.
- Agenda
  - We will be posting a more specific agenda on Robotevents.com within the week
- Souvenir Shirts
  - Northwest Designs will be back again printing State Championship shirts on site.
  - Many different options and customization available
  - Cash or Credit Card accepted
- Photographer
  - E-sports Photos will have 3 roaming photographers taking photos. They will be posted online for Free downloads
  - They will also have a hash tag printing station for printing photos posted to social media with a hashtag (Free)
  - A Team photo both for team pictures will also be available
- Hotels
  - We do not have a direct discount with any hotels, but I would suggest hotels along 301 near the entrance by the entertainment hall
- Event Set up
  - Please consider signing up to help set up Saturday night. Load in and set up start a 7PM Saturday.
  - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849abae23a3fe3-state>
- Volunteers
  - Event volunteers are the heart and soul of VEX competitions. We rely on Referees to keep things fair, Emcees to keep things exciting, and Queuers to keep things on schedule! These are just a few of the positions that we'll be needing for our 2018State Championships on February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteering at a VEX competition is easy to learn, fun to do, and rewarding for everyone involved. We hope that you'll consider

volunteering at the Championship. For more information about volunteer positions, please contact our volunteer coordinator, [Ashley Phipps](#) directly.

- Links for Sign up can be found on the Robotevents.com State championship pages

#### Pit Areas

- Because of the large growth in the State of Florida and the number of teams competing, the Pit areas will be tight (especially HS VRC and MS IQ)
  - Please be kind to everyone around
  - Please limit only those competing and a team mentor or teacher to the pit area. Parents and other students/children should remain outside the competition area in the stands.

#### STEM Presentations

- STEM presentations for IQ divisions will be scheduled only for those teams who respond to an email which will be sent in the coming week. Please keep in mind that if a team does not sign up or does not show up for their scheduled presentation, the team is not guaranteed a presentation.