



Volunteer Sign-up

The VEX Robotics Competition World Championship is approaching quickly. The host city for 2010 is Dallas! This decision was made in part because of the overwhelmingly positive response to the 2009 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship, also held in Dallas. We once again need your help to deliver this opportunity to students from around the world. Can you consider being a part of the effort that will help put smiles on our student's faces?

CONSIDERATIONS FOR BEING A VOLUNTEER:

DATES: April 22nd to April 24th, 2010

LOCATION: Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers sign up using an online system that collects needed contact information, experience and/or position preferences. Volunteers are being sought for full days with an added incentive for people or teams that can assist for two full days. <<http://robotevents.com/volunteer/>>

WHAT POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

All positions have openings. A few positions that require training or previous experience are; Judges, Field Managers, Robot Inspectors, and Referees. A wide range of other positions can be performed after reading a single page of instructions and receiving careful hands-on training at the event. Examples of these positions include team queuing, field re-setters (a great job for students), pit support, administrative support, to name a few. For a more detailed description of the positions see the list at <<http://robotevents.com/volunteer/>>

ARE THERE ANY REQUIREMENTS?

Every volunteer will be asked to fill out and sign a Consent, Release and Hold Harmless form, available at <http://robotevents.com/volunteer/> for pictures and video shot during the event. If under 18, make sure you get a parent or guardian signature before leaving if they are unable to attend with your team.

AS A VOLUNTEER, WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

For volunteers that donate their time, you will receive a "Volunteer Survival/Thank You" bag, a T-shirt and meal credits for each day in appreciation of your time and effort. Volunteers that donate two or three days of their time will also receive free admission to the World Championship Celebration Party on Saturday night in addition to the meal credits for each day. We know that today, more than ever, resources are tight and we feel very strongly about helping volunteers minimize cost through these efforts.

TEAM STRATEGIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

A team can sign up for a particular position or group of positions, for which they will accept responsibility for the entire event. As an example, team XYZ commits to providing field re-setters for one of the divisions. The team will get the credit and benefits (meal money) for staffing these positions throughout the event. The team manages that role and rotates out various team members as needed. This way no one person spends all his or her time as a volunteer, the role is shared and always covered. Adult mentors and parents, many of you will realize you have free time once your team is situated. Volunteer in advance to get the position you want. This can be an effective way to stretch a limited team budget!