

GAME ANNOUNCER

POSITION SUMMARY – *Key Volunteer Position*

Work as part of a team with the Master of Ceremonies to energize the teams and spectators, generate and maintain interest, enthusiasm, and excitement throughout the matches. Announce play-by-play commentary for each match. Play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play, and maintaining the pace of the event. Key volunteer position, significantly impacts the success of the event.

FIRST VOLUNTEERS

- Demonstrate Gracious Professionalism
- Contribute to creating an exciting, fun, highly-charged environment
- Make a difference in the lives of youths by creating a meaningful, inspirational and educational experience for team members
- Participate in required training offered by FIRST, and attend Volunteer Orientation Meeting
- Check-in daily at the Volunteer Registration/Information Table prior to start of shift
- Receive a Volunteer shirt and badge to be worn while participating in an event

POSITION OVERVIEW

- High profile position, audible presence at competition
- Significant level of responsibility
- Community exposure
- Opportunity to utilize and further develop public speaking skills
- Opportunity to set the pace of the event; impact overall quality of event

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend Volunteer Meeting
- Participate in training opportunities offered by FIRST
- Provide play-by-play commentary for each match
- Report match scores and winning team alliance
- Make “housekeeping” announcements
- Assist Master of Ceremonies in keeping spectators informed of competition agenda and status; seek and announce unique information specific to individual teams
- Friday and Saturday - Consult with Master of Ceremonies
- Optional: Thursday practice matches. Opportunity to observe and become familiar with the game.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED

- FIRST experience strongly preferred
- Public speaking experience highly preferred; TV/radio/acting experience ideal
- Comfortable using a microphone and addressing a large crowd; vocally energetic
- High energy, gregarious; sense of humor
- Ability to develop commentary as matches occur
- Ability to collaborate with others
- Strong organizational skills
- Thorough knowledge of the game
- Ability to sit for long periods of time

TIME COMMITMENT

Commitment: Participation in pre-event training offered by FIRST
Approximate times: Wednesday..... 6:00 P.M.- 8 P.M. Mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training
Thursday Optional
Friday 8:00 A.M.- 5 P.M.
Saturday 8:00 A.M.- Completion

NOTE: Volunteers should arrive on site approx 30 minutes prior to start of shift if meals are desired

TRAINING

Provided by FIRST headquarters prior to start of competition season. May include: live and/or recorded web conferences, teleconference(s), manual and other support materials, email communications and one-on-one support. First-year volunteer may serve in an apprentice role, working with a veteran Game Announcer.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION

Direct supervision: Event Manager and Volunteer Coordinator