

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL SITE INFORMATION

March 27-29, 2008

Event Location

Convocation Center
Eastern Michigan University
799 N. Hewitt Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197-1701

NOTE: The site will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes.

<http://greatlakesregional.com/>

Directions to Convocation Center

From Airport: Take I-94 west to Huron Street (Exit 183); head North on Huron Street, which turns into Huron River Drive. Turn left on Hewitt (stop light). The Convocation Center is located on left side of Hewitt.

From U.S. 23: Take Washtenaw Avenue east to Ypsilanti. Drive approximately 3 miles and turn left on Hewitt Road. Parking lot is across from Rynearson Stadium.

From I-94: Take Huron Street Exit (EMU Exit), to Cross Street and turn left. Travel on Cross for about 2 miles. Turn right on Hewitt Road. Parking lot is across from Rynearson Stadium.

From I 75 North or South: Take I-275 to I-94 West. Follow directions above "From I-94."

From Michigan Avenue: Go north on Huron Street. Go left on Cross Street for approximately 2 miles. Turn right on Hewitt Road. Parking lot is across from Rynearson Stadium.

From Ford Road: Go south on on Prospect Road to Cross Street. Go about 3 miles on Cross and turn right on Hewitt Road. Parking lot is across from Rynearson Stadium.

Site Restrictions

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.

Please:

- **Do not bring food** on the site. If you bring food, do not bring it onto the property.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as whistles or air horns.
- **Do not save seats.** It is not fair to other teams or to the public guests we hope to interest as team sponsors or volunteers.
- **Do not ship robots directly to the site.** All shipments go through the Drayage Company.
- **Do not arrange for Internet access** on the site or bring free phone lines for same.
- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts, or any promotional products.
- **Do not give out any free food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks, or fruit. You may trade team pins, however.
- **Do not use helium tanks.**
- **Do not bring live bands** to play in the audience. This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team's Pit Station will be shut off and/or the music confiscated.
- **Do not run in the venue.**
- **Open-toed shoes are not allowed.**

NEW: *FIRST* Consent Form Revisions Overview

FIRST has revised the Consent and Release Form with several goals in mind: 1) simplifying the process by creating a unified form; 2) collecting participant data to make it possible to conduct more effective outreach and marketing to alumni; 3) and give *FIRST* the capacity to conduct regular follow-up studies of its participants in order to better demonstrate impact. This information is critical to *FIRST* because it will provide a roadmap for the organization, guide program implementation and management, and communicate more confidently the impact to schools, sponsors and other groups. In order for *FIRST* to quantitatively state that our programs are positively impacting participating students, corporations, schools and communities we need to collect information on the individual level. The Consent Forms are the only place where *FIRST* collects that type of information.

The goal of the *FIRST* Consent Forms is to ensure the following:

- To get consent and release of liabilities due to harm and/or injury *for FIRST* and *FIRST's* "Cooperating Entities"
- To grant *FIRST* the right to use participant's likeness during the participation in *FIRST* events
- To ensure that agents of *FIRST* and on behalf of *FIRST* can collect and analyze information for us
- To grant *FIRST* the right to contact the Parent/Guardian and participants at a later time for evaluation and/or announce other benefits like alumni outreach efforts

Because we are dealing with youth and youth information, *FIRST* must be in compliance with the US Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (under the age 13) and the Canadian Online Protection Act

The following form is the only acceptable *FIRST* form for the 2008 FRC events. Remember to bring your completed forms, for all the persons on your team, to your initial competition event.

2007-08 CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS

Program: FRC____ FTC____ FLL____ JFLL____ Event(s):_____ Team#_____

Team Role: Mentor Team Leader Student Participant

This is a Consent and Release of Rights in favor of the United States Foundation For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, and its officers, directors, employees, and assigns ("FIRST"), as well as entities designated and approved to assist FIRST in managing, contracting, sponsoring, hosting, conducting, evaluating or publicizing (including individuals and entities working with FIRST in print, publication, television, broadcast or video media) FIRST's programs ("FIRST's Cooperating Entities") including any and all FIRST Place, the FIRST LEGO® League ("FLL"), Junior FIRST LEGO League ("JFLL") FIRST Tech Challenge ("FTC"), and FIRST Robotics Competition ("FRC") Events (the "FIRST Events"). As used below, "Participant" shall mean any individual, student, mentor, teacher, or volunteer involved in a FIRST event. In consideration of the acceptance of my participation in one or more FIRST Events, I agree to the following:

I hereby grant to FIRST, to FIRST's Cooperating Entities, and to the press and media admitted into FIRST Events the right to photograph, videotape, or otherwise digitally collect my likeness, voice and sounds (as "Works") during my participation at the FIRST Event(s). I further acknowledge the Works by FIRST and the FIRST's Cooperating Entities to be works made for hire, and otherwise irrevocably assign and grant to FIRST and to FIRST's Cooperating Entities all rights in these Works and the right to use or sublicense these Works and my name, likeness and biography, in FIRST's discretion, in all media and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for FIRST or the FIRST's Cooperating Entities, without any further consideration to me or any limitation whatsoever. It is a FIRST policy not to print a minor's name with his/her picture without specific permission from his/her parent or guardian.

There are risks inherent in participating in FIRST Events, including the risks inherent in the construction of robots and LEGO structures, as well as in working with electrical connections, traveling to and from events, and participating in public competitions. These risks include the risk of bodily harm (including without limitation, death) and property damage. Being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in an Event, I hereby assume those risks. **Except to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FIRST or FIRST's Cooperating Entities, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION which I may now or hereafter have against FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities arising out of my participation in any FIRST Event, and I will indemnify and hold harmless FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities against any and all claims resulting from such participation.**

I HEREBY RELEASE FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities and their respective successors, affiliates, licensees and assigns from all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses attorneys' fees, other professional fees and expenses, and any claims including, without limitation, claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever that I may now or hereafter have against FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities arising in connection with my participation in any FIRST Event.

In the event I should sustain injuries or illness while involved in an FIRST Event, I hereby authorize FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and medications I may bring as may be necessary under the circumstances, to include treatment by a physician or hospital of FIRST's or FIRST's Cooperating Entities' choice.

This Release shall be binding upon my heirs, personal representatives and assigns, and me and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, which shall be the venue for any legal action. This Release constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Release and supersedes any and all previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter.

FIRST strongly believes in confidentiality of all contact information. FIRST promises that it will not rent, sell or distribute this contact information to any organization other than those directly involved in the operation and support of FIRST programs. FIRST will be using the personal contact information provided here as part of its participant database and to contact the FIRST participant and/or the participant's guardian as part of its research, program evaluation, or alumni outreach efforts, or other related outreach activities as they may occur.

Unless I check this box to remove my consent, I hereby grant to FIRST the right to use the personal contact information provided here for FIRST's research, program evaluation, alumni efforts and/or other outreach activities.

I understand that this form involves a release of legal rights.

Participant Name [Print Clearly] Participant Signature Date

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home () _____ Email address: _____

Gender: _____(M) _____(F) Date of Birth: Month: ___ Date:___ Year: ___
Race (optional) [Please check one]: African-American Asian/Pacific Islander Native American/Alaskan White Multiple races
Ethnicity (optional): Hispanic Non-Hispanic

For Participants under the age of eighteen (18) years listed above: I hereby consent and agree to the above on Page 1 (one) as the Parent/Legal Guardian of _____ (minor's name), in which case "I", "me" and "my" as used herein shall refer to said minor.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature Print Parent or Guardian Name