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FRC 2024-24 Team Briefing



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FRC Season 2023-2024

- Kickoff
- Volunteer needs
- Workshops/Quiet Room/Menstrual Equity at events

Kickoff 2024, January 6

Venue	Where
Auburn High School	Auburn, WA
Everett High School	Everett, WA
Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR
Skyview High School	Vancouver, WA
Wapato High School	Wapato, WA
West Valley High School	Spokane, WA

Make sure your team is prepared for kickoff

- Make sure all of your students are registered on your team dashboard
- Make sure you have paper consent forms for anyone not registered. You can find those forms on our website here:
<https://firstwa.org/resources/>
- **Every team needs to pick up a kickoff kit** (unless you registered as a My Site and chose to have your kickoff kit sent to you at your expense)
- If one of the 2 lead coaches is **not** picking up the kickoff kit, you will need to fill out a surrogate form. You can find that [here](#) The form needs to be filled out by January 2nd

Quiet & Menstrual Equity room at events



FIRST has asked that we work to offer quiet rooms at all of our events. We need to have teams host these to be able to support FIRST's request. We will only offer a quiet room where we have a willing host. 5588 provides a tote on each truck with quiet room supplies and will be contacting our hosts this year to give information on what is expected of the quiet room host

We are so very fortunate in the PNW that we have many teams willing to host a quiet room. Please use the form below if you are willing to host the quiet room at one of our events.

Additionally, teams in the PNW have become strong supporters of the Menstrual Equity movement. Just as with the quiet room, we ask that you use the form below if you are interested in being the Menstrual Equity Ambassador at an event. Again, keep in mind we do need to check with the event host so don't just assume it is ok.

To sign up to either host a quiet room or be a menstrual equity host, follow this link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/38cb359f243c45c59b8796b0a6ded2a5>

Workshops at events in 2024

Now that things are getting back to normal with our events, I expect we will be seeing more and more workshops at our events

As we grow, it is even more important that teams not only fill out our workshop request form but also fill it out by the deadline. We have lots of moving parts with our events and want to make sure we give teams the best experience possible which includes giving teams who host workshops a great space at the event where possible.

Below is the link to the workshop request form. If your team is interested in hosting a workshop, please fill out the form by February 13, 2024

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/38cb359f243c45c59b8796b0a6ded2a5>

Accommodations at events

In the PNW, we work VERY hard to make sure everyone has a great experience at our events. Here are some of the things we are doing:

- We have a space for Quiet rooms at **almost all** of our events (though we do not have hosts at all of our events)
- We are able to accommodate ME at **most** of our events (we are still looking for hosts for some of our events)
- We offer gender neutral bathrooms at most events
- We have many accommodations for students in wheelchairs
- We have many accommodations for students that are hearing impaired
- We have a wheelchair ramp that can be put on the truck (on request) to access the drivers station

We are aware of the needs at some of our events, but if you don't tell us, we may not be aware of your team's need. Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know if your team needs any accommodations.

Understand, we may not be able to accommodate everyone's needs. We are a small organization and venues vary. Please be gracious and kind if we can't exactly meet your need the way you would like. The earlier you make us aware of a need, the greater chance we may be able to make an accommodation.

FTC Events

Date	Event	Location
1/13/2024	FTC Curie Interleague	Ridgeline High School Liberty Lake, WA
1/13/2024	FTC Feynman Interleague	Henry Jackson High School Mill Creek, WA
1/14/2024	FTC Hawking Interleague	Mount Si High School Snoqualmie, WA
1/14/2024	FTC Pasteur Interleague	Henry Jackson High School Mill Creek, WA
1/14/2024	FTC Tesla Interleague	Beaver Lake Middle School Sammamish, WA
1/14/2024	FTC Watt Interleague	Olympia High School Olympia, WA
2/3/2024	FTC State Championship	Amazon Meeting Center Seattle, WA

Roles Needed: Judges, Robot Inspectors, Referees, Scorekeepers, Field Resettters, Queuers.

FTC Dean's List will be conducted remotely this season. Sign up to Judge!

Panel Dates and Times:

There are 13 three-hour **remote** panels scheduled at various times starting January 9th and ending January 20th. Interviewers can sign up for a maximum of 5 panels.

Interested in Volunteering? Provide your Availability [HERE](#) -

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/738fe9ecd245407181cc9130ce4ab4f3>

Open to Everyone:

Even if you are affiliated with an FTC team, you can still be a Dean's List interviewer. We'll ensure you're assigned to a panel with unaffiliated students.



FLL Events



Date	Event	Location
1/20/2024	Monet Semifinal	Ballard High School Seattle, WA
1/20/2024	Picasso Semifinal	Cedar Heights Middle School Covington, WA
1/21/2024	Beethoven Semifinal	Ballard High School Seattle, WA
1/21/2024	Bach Semifinal	Cedar Heights Middle School Covington, WA
1/27/2024	Eastern WA State Championship	Eastern Washington University Cheney, WA
2/4/2024	Western WA State Championship	Amazon Meeting Center Seattle, WA

Judges (Minimum age has officially been lowered to 15), Referees, Queuers, Scorekeepers, Field Resetters.

General Questions are now welcome

- Ask us anything you need help with!