



February 26, 2012

Hi Everyone,

For all of the rookie teams out there take advantage of a week 1 regional in San Diego. This is a great opportunity to come down on either Saturday or Sunday and see what actually goes on before you need to compete at the Los Angeles event, which is week 3. Talk with teams, see what the pits look like, and how queuing work. You can scout teams and watch matches to see the robots in action.

The San Diego regional will take place Friday-Sunday March 2-4, 2012 at the Valley View Casino Center at 3500 Sports Arena Blvd.

-Nancy Mc



We had 15 teams at the Scrimmage and gave 13 unofficial inspections. This year we had a scale and found several overweight robots, including one 28lbs over.

The field was running well. Once we got a robot connected it seemed to pretty much work the entire event and The game seemed to be all about the bridges, but there were only three or four working ball handlers/shooters. So we probably do not have a good sample to work with. The Regional may be very

different.

The Harvey Mudd students were excellent hosts. This was the best event yet and they made it happen. Sarah Ferraro, who has been our main contact there for the past few years is graduating. We hope her successor does as well.

There is one usually unsung group that deserves special thanks. The BeachBots store and maintain the field at no cost to SCRRF, this saves SCRRF hundreds of dollars in storage fees. Whenever it goes to an event they load about 2000lbs on a truck and then put it away when it comes home. Often this is for events they do not attend, like the Scrimmage. They do this cheerfully as a service to other teams.

Many thanks to them and to the teams that brought field elements. This sort of co-operation is what FIRST is all about.

Upcoming Events:

San Diego Regional	March 2-4, 2012
Los Angeles Regional	March 15-17, 2012
Honolulu Regional	March 22-24, 2012
VEX World Championship	Anaheim April 19-21
Championship St. Louis	April 25-28, 2012
MATE Long Beach	May 12, 2012



The Los Angeles Regional Webpage has been updated and can be found at:

www.firstlaregional.com

Things to Remember:

- 1. Your Bag & Tag log sheet***
- 2. The BOM for the inspectors***
- 3. Bring Goggles to the regional!***

“I am too positive to be doubtful. Too optimistic to be fearful. And too determined to be defeated.”- Vandon

-Nancy Mc

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