



January 16, 2012

Hi Everyone,

Hope all of you are well on your way to getting your robots built for this year. We already have three Team Updates out. If you are new this is the link: <http://frc-manual.usfirst.org/TeamUpdates/0>

Do not forget to place your order for FIRST Choice through AndyMark.

There is a voucher from Digi-Key that you can use on your next order

There is a Green Parts Voucher from the Automotive Recyclers Association that you can use for motors.

There is a donation voucher from Inventables that you can use for supplies as well.

Have a great week 2!

-Nancy Mc



Chairman's Award	2/16/12
Woodie Flowers Award	2/16/12
Website Award	2/16/12
Dean's List Award	2/16/12
Stop Build Deadline	2/21/12

Excellence in Design Award TBD

Judges Information

2/23/12

To find a full list of deadlines for the 2012 FRC Season, please visit:

<http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/frc-season-calendar>.



Your Kit of Parts contained scholarship information and two posters that you can hang in your workspace and in your guidance office. One of ours is on our crate where everyone comes into our building each morning from the bus.

Autodesk Award for Excellence In Design

The Autodesk Awards seem to have some big changes this year. Make sure you take time to go through the requirements. You will find them after all of the technical information.

This years theme for the 3DS Max is
"Get Involved with the iikos"

The Inventor submission will be submitted as a video produced as the output from Autodesk Inventor Publisher 2012.

http://students.autodesk.com/ama/orig/FINALA_utodesk_FRC_Contest_Rules_Jan2012.pdf

Calling All Robotics Alumni:

With 17 Rookie teams due at the Los Angeles Regional this year we would love to ask all teams to contact their team alumni at some of our local universities to see if they would be able to adopt a rookie team for the season. All team alumni have a unique perspective to be able to offer our new teams.

They have been there and can serve as role models of so many things from how to get organized to Gracious Professionalism.

If you have team alumni that can help have them send me an e-mail at nmcintyre@chaminade.org and I will help find them a rookie team near their current college.



We have had two very successful workshops this past weekend. A Rookie Kitbot Build Day and a programming day in conjunction with the Aerospace Corporation.

We had 14 teams show up for the KitBot Build Day. By the end of the day we had 14 running robots and had fixed several tricky problems that would have been hard to diagnose at a Regional. The next big event is the Scrimmage at Harvey Mudd on 2/19.

This past Saturday, 12 FRC local teams attended a LabView Workshop at Foshay Learning Center hosted and supported by Team 597 and the Aerospace Corp. the workshop went from 8:30am-2:30pm. Tim Wright from the Aerospace Corporation was the primary facilitator (Team 1692) and College Mentors from Team 597 assisted teams with robot programming applications. The 12 teams in attendance included :

Team 597 Foshay Learning Center Team 848 Rolling Hills Prep Team 1661 Cabillo HS Team 1692 Crenshaw HS Team 3752 West Adams HS Team 3759 St Mary's Academy Team 4029 Huntington Park HS Team 4046 Helen Bernstein

Complex Team 4140 Don Lugo HS Team 4123 St John Bosco Team 4144 Amino Inglewood Charter School Almost 60 people were in attendance and a continental breakfast and lunch were provided by the Aerospace Corp This was an outstanding workshop for all teams involved and extremely beneficial

Upcoming Events:

February 19, 2012

Robot Blessing Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels 9:00am

Pre Bag Scrimmage

Location: Harvey Mudd College

Linde Activity Center

340 E. Foothill Blvd

Claremont, CA 91711

Time: 8 AM – 4 PM

February 21, 2012 Bag Day!



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

www.firstlaregional.com



Fund Raising:

With Valentine's Day just around the corner teams can raise funds by taking orders with See's Candy. They love to work with schools.



Rookie Team to help for the season

The Team from Orcutt is excited about mentoring a rookie team this year and will share with you all about their wonderful experience from the 2011 season. Please contact Scott McLean at smclean1969@yahoo.com

Things to Remember:

1. Start updating your TIMS page with information for the judges.
 2. Allow for lead time when ordering parts and materials.
 3. Have your business group keep track of all of your expenses on your robot. You will need them for inspection.
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"If someday they say of me that in my work I have contributed something to the welfare and happiness of my fellow man, I shall be satisfied."

George Westinghouse

-Nancy Mc
FUTURE Founding Board Member

(My school e-mail is still the best way to reach me during the academic year.)

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