

# **Rockford Robotics Asso. Mandatory Meeting**

December 9, 2014

- Must register with STIMS
  - usfirst.org
  - FRC
  - Registration
  - STIMS
  - Parents required to consent application through email
- Fill out team application
  - Found on rockfordrobotics.com
  - Under “About Us”
- Fill out:
  - Liability Waiver
- Read FRC handbook
  - Found under “About Us” on website

- **FRC Team fees are \$150 per season**
  - Unless student had participated on FTC 2014, then total FTC and FRC team fee will amount to \$150
  - Team fees due morning of FRC kickoff, Jan 3
- **Students required to put in at least 75 hours in the shop during build season**
  - If student does not meet time requirement they are not eligible to travel with the team during competition season

# Email List

Rockford Robotics uses Google Groups to send emails to team members

To sign up:

- [rockfordrobotics.com](http://rockfordrobotics.com)
- “About Us”
- Under “Team Communications”

# Important Upcoming Dates

- FTC Northern Illinois West League Meet
  - December 12
  - 4:00 - 8:00pm
  - Guilford High School
- FLL Tournament
  - December 13th/20th
  - Eisenhower Middle School
- Team Winter Break Party
  - December 28
  - 5:00 - 7:00pm

- FRC Kickoff
  - January 3
  - In the classrooms
- Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser
  - January 17
  - Applebee's on E. State

# T-Shirt Design Contest

- Create a design for our FRC 2015 season team t-shirt
- Designs due Sunday, December 28
- Email designs to [rockford.robotics.2039@gmail.com](mailto:rockford.robotics.2039@gmail.com)
- .jpeg format or hand drawn

# ‘Bot Boosters

- Booster group for active adults who do not want the commitment of being a mentor
- Plan and run
  - fundraising events
  - social events
- Meet on average once a month

# Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

- Each family will initially receive 10 tickets
  - Can receive more tickets as you sell them
- Goal is to sell 300 tickets
- Applebee's on E. State
- January 17

# Scholarship Information

- Community Foundation of Northern Illinois
  - <http://cfnil.org/apply/scholarships/>
- Fabricators & Manufacturers Association
  - <http://www.nutsandboltsfoundation.org/scholarships/>
- Society of Women Engineers
  - <http://www.swe.org/chicago/>
- Illinois Society of Professional Engineers
  - <http://illinoisengineer.com/scholarships.shtml>
- US FIRST Scholarships
  - <http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/scholarships>
- College & University Scholarships

# Youth Protection Program - YPP

- I. Intro and explanation of YPP
  - A. To protect students and adults who are involved in FIRST programs
  - B. Is based on key values that we hold and teach
  - C. It is FIRST's commitment to protect youth
    1. FIRST will strive to create an environment in which team members can grow, learn, and have fun with minimal risk of injury
    2. We will strive to inform everyone involved in FIRST and provide assistance in meeting safety standards

## I. Intro and explanation of YPP, Contd.

### A. YPP's goals are to:

1. Minimize any risk to members
2. Set behavioral boundaries
3. Adhere to a code of conduct
4. Report any abuse or misconduct
5. To Preview or screen any adults working with children

## II. Purpose of Strategy

## III. Fundamentals

## IV. Code of Conduct

- Everyone is required to adhere to the code of conduct

## V. Background checks for adults regularly involved with students

- Regularly involved described as someone who is involved with 30% of team activities

VI. Safety Videos

A. Read code of conduct

B. Go over YPP documents

VII. Please visit YPP Section of [usfirst.org](https://usfirst.org)

# Shop Rules

- Absolutely no entering the shop without **at least two** adult mentors present.
- When handling power tools, working on the robot, or operating machine tools, **safety glasses** (*preferably clear*) are required.
- Always wear closed toed shoes in the shop (*flip flops, sandals, or crocs of any kind are prohibited*).
- Remove or tie back any loose or dangling hair, jewelry, ties, or hoodie strings when working with power tools or machine tools.
- Keep the shop and your work area clean. If you make a mess please clean it up.

- You must have permission from a mentor or coach to operate any tools and/or the robot.
- Never work on the robot while it is enabled. Always ensure the robot is “all clear” before enabling or driving it.
- Do not use power tools or machine tools without proper training for that equipment.
- Absolutely no horseplay or violence in the shop.
- Report any injuries in the shop to the EHS (*environmental health and safety officer*), the safety captain, or a mentor.

# Travel Safety

- Stay with your assigned car. (if any team members plan on trading vehicles, please let a mentor know).
- No team members should have illegal substances, cigarettes, or alcohol at any time.
- Respect authority figures and team mates.
- Obey driver of the vehicle.
- Do not create distractions for the driver of the vehicle.

# Hotel Safety

- Be in assigned hotel room at the assigned curfew.
- No being in hotel rooms with the opposite gender unless you have permission from a mentor or a mentor present.
- No bringing illegal substances into the hotel.
- Keep noise at a respectful level for other guests.
- Follow rules set by hotel.
- Always travel with a buddy.
- Keep your hotel room neat and/or tidy.
- Familiarize yourself with the primary and secondary exits on your floor in case of emergency.
- Coordinate with mentors an outside meeting place in case of emergency.

# Competition Venue Safety

- Dont leave the venue.
- Always let a mentor or team captain know where you are going.
- Always travel with a buddy.
- Respect teammates and opponents.
- Follow the posted venue rules.

# 2015 FRC Competitions

- Central Illinois Regional
  - Bradley University, Peoria
  - March 19-21, 2015
  - Week 4 competition
- Midwest Regional
  - UIC Pavilion, Chicago
  - April 2-4, 2015
- World Championship
  - St. Louis
  - April 22-25, 2015