

Update 9.23.08

Indiana Coaches:
(please forward to coaches if you are not the coach)

Current number of teams in Indiana: 159 with 6 more days of team registration.

Welcome to all new Indiana FLL teams!! Congratulations on choosing a great educational event for kids!

Look for these periodic Email Updates from Indiana FLL. Updates will always be posted on the Indiana Championship website also.

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2. National Girl Scout Conference in Indianapolis needs team(s) to demonstrate
3. Qualifying Tournament Registrations: some questions we have been asked lately

1. NXT Training in Fort Wayne

Where: Science Central
see directions at: www.sciencecentral.org

When: Monday, Sept. 29 from 4:00-5:30

New coaches may attend a short orientation about FLL in general and ask questions at 3:45

Who: Tutorial Instructors: Greg and Kitty Bellis, coaches willing to share information on how to program and "navigate" through the software

Who: Orientation Information: me (see contact info. below if you have questions and cannot attend)

Bring software, robot, lap top if you have it. Coach and a team member can attend.

Limited space. Reservations needed by contacting Carol Dostal at dostalc@ipfw.edu

Reservations MUST be received by Friday, Sept. 26 before noon. This training will be canceled if there are not at least 6 reservations so DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!

National Girl Scout Conference from Oct. 30-Nov. 2

Girl Scouts is offering a new robotic patch!!
Seeking a team(s) who can demonstrate their robot skills and answer questions from interested, potential new Girl Scout team coaches and members in Indianapolis at the Convention Center. Demonstration is on Friday, Oct. 31 from 4:00-5:00 and Saturday, Nov. 1 from 2:00-3:30. If you are in or near Indianapolis and can transport your table or are willing to help with this promotional project, please contact me ASAP. FLL teams with girls (especially if you have Girl Scouts) are a plus for this event! See my contact info. below.

Qualifying Tournament registration for all Indiana teams who plan to compete in Indiana: questions I have been asked....

WHEN: Oct. 13-Oct. 24

WHERE TO REGISTER: FLL Indiana Championship Website: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll

SPECIAL NOTE TO NEW COACHES: This should not be confused with the FLL Championship tournament registration (application) that FIRST holds via their website...INDIANA TEAMS DO NOT NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION).

HOW MANY ADVANCE TO INDIANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT: For a team to compete at the Indiana Championship Tournament which is held in Fort Wayne at IPFW on December 13, you must first compete and advance from a Qualifying Tournament in Indiana in November or December.

There are 6 locations of Qualifying Tournaments: see website above for details.

CHOOSING YOUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: You may register for any Qualifying Tournament (sometimes people call these a "regional") of your choice in Indiana. Tournaments fill on a first come, first serve basis. You may only attend ONE Qualifying Tournament (QT). We do this to make sure there is a tournament spot for all teams to compete in Indiana. Be ready to make a second choice, should the first one be filled (i.e. talk to your teams and parents ahead of time so that if one tournament is full, you can act fast to enter the next one on your list without having to go back and discuss it with all team members).

COST: All tournaments charge the same registration fee of \$40.

DO TOURNAMENTS FOLLOW DIFFERENT RULES?: All tournaments will follow the same guidelines in regard to judging categories, scoring the robot performance, and categories of awards, however, they differ in number of teams, schedules, and also what type of award (plaque, trophy, etc) they hand out.

NUMBERS THAT ADVANCE: 48 teams advance from the QT's to the Championship Tournament. The number of teams that advance from each tournament is dependent on the number of teams that register to compete at that tournament. In other words, the actual percentage of teams that advance is the same (example: 30%) but that percentage at a small tournament is obviously less teams than the same percentage at a large tournament. This percentage will be established once the QT registration is completed.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE ON LINE QT REGISTER PROCEDURE WILL BE SENT OUT LATER.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR TEAMS!!

Carol Dostal
FLL Championship Tournament