

2013 *FIRST*® *LEGO*® LEAGUE OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

PARENT/FAMILY INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THE *FIRST*® *LEGO*® LEAGUE OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Welcome and Congratulations to you and your child's FLL team! We are thrilled to be able to host this state championship, and we thank you for being a part of this experience!

In order to give you and your child the best possible experience, this document will explain some of our policies and give you some information that will make your experience and your child's team experience ones you will remember for a long time.

TEAM ONLY AREAS: As you know, *FIRST*® *LEGO*® League is a child and team driven program. Through FLL, teams are empowered to decide on their own direction, their own solutions, and their own problem-solving strategies. Children learn to become independent thinkers with advanced teamwork and critical thinking skills. Coaches are those indispensable guides and role models, but the kids are the ones who do the work. Because of this fundamental philosophy, we have "Team Only" areas, where teams can focus on the competition with minimum adult interaction and influence. In this way, the team takes responsibility for their problem-solving and their successes. Our judges are able to see and visit with the kids, to hear and see what they have learned, and to communicate with them authentically. For this reason, our Pit Area, Competition Area, and Judging Areas are closed to the public. Up to two adult coaches may be with the team in these "Team Only" areas. We thank you in advance for your understanding and respect for this policy.

JUDGING SESSIONS: Your child's team will be judged in three areas (Senior Solutions Research Project, Robot Design and Core Values), during a 90 minute slot on Saturday, February 9. The judging schedule is posted on the FLL Ohio State Championship webpage of the Ohio FLL website at http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/pages/fll_stchamp.html

Parents and family members may not travel with the team into the Team Judging areas. In fact, we do not have a place for you to be at the Ervin J. Nutter Center on Saturday. If you plan to help transport your child or other team members, you might want to visit one of the food establishments along Colonel Glenn Highway or at the Fairfield Commons Mall, which is located less than a mile from the Ervin J. Nutter Center.

You also might want to travel to the National Museum of the United States Air Force for the day on Saturday. The museum is free, and it will give you and your family something to do.

PIT AREA (OPEN ONLY ON FEBRUARY 10): This area is open only to team members and two coaches. It is located on the arena floor, behind the competition area. Family members are welcome to sit in the spectator seating areas and look down into the pit.

In order for family and friends to have an opportunity to see what the teams have done and to get a look at their pit area, we are opening the pit to the public during the following times:

- **7:00 AM – 7:45 AM (Prior to the Opening Ceremony)**
- **1:45 PM (Pit Tear Down/Load Out – prior to Closing Ceremony)**

TEAM COMMUNICATIONS: We recommend that you make arrangements with your team in advance for down times when you can all meet. For instance, you might want to meet for lunch during a long break in the team’s schedule. You also might want to spend some time watching parts of the robot competition together. If you prepare for these times in advance, it will make the day less confusing. Please be aware that parts of the Nutter Center are cell phone dead zones. Don’t rely on the cell phone for your communications in this building. You can leave messages, if necessary, at the Pit Administration Desk, which is located at the entrance to the Pit. In the event of an emergency, the Pit Administration staff can page your coach or your child in the pit.

PARKING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

You can park in Lot 1, Lot 2 or Lot 3 and enter the Nutter Center through Gates 1, 2 or 3. If you are helping to transport your team, you can park in Lot 9 and come into the facility with your team through Gate 9. You will need to take the elevator up to the 4th floor Concourse Level. You can move into spectator seating from there. You can find information and program books at the Gate 9, Gate 1 & 3 entrances.

Other Activities, February 10:

- **Kids Zone:** Just inside the Gate 3 entrance, we have a “**Kids Zone**” area set up for younger siblings to play with LEGO elements. The Kids Zone location is perfect for the kids to do something during this long day, and parents can keep an eye on their little ones and still watch the competition.
- **FTC Scrimmage:** There will be an FTC scrimmage in the McLin Gyms, on the 1st floor, just across the hall from the arena. 8 to 12 FTC teams will be participating in this unofficial competition. The event will run from 9:00 AM – 2:00

PM. We encourage everyone to check out the exciting robot action of this *FIRST* high school program.

- **Jr.FLL Dayton Expo:** We will have 20 Jr.FLL teams participating in the Jr.FLL Dayton Expo, which will be held on the 4th floor concourse area, just inside Gates 1 & 2. This event will run from 9:00 AM and end with the Jr.FLL High Fives Ceremony on the arena floor at noon.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY 10:

7:00 AM: The building is officially open for the event. You can find concessions on the Concourse Level (inside Gates 2 & 3). Please do not bring outside food into this event!

7:45 AM: Parade of Teams: Find a seat up in the arena stands to watch your FLL, Jr.FLL and FTC team parade into the arena. Make sure you cheer loudly for your team and the other teams that will be competing in this championship competition!

~8:00 AM: Opening Ceremony & Service Celebration: Join us for this ceremony to open the tournament and honor our statewide volunteers and ambassador teams.

9:00 AM: Practice Rounds Begin: Get a feel for the competition flow by watching this practice round on the main arena floor.

9:00 AM: Jr.FLL Dayton Expo Begins: Located on the North and South Concourse areas (near Gate 1), you will find the Jr.FLL Dayton Expo. Twenty teams of 6 to 9 year old students have come together to enjoy a day of teamwork, LEGO® creations, shared research and fun! The Jr.FLL pits will be open until noon for those who would like to see the cool models and displays created by these young engineers!

11:45 AM: Lunch Break (Robot Competitions): You are free to meet up with your team during this time and enjoy a lunch together. You can either eat within the facility at one of the concession stands, or you may leave to eat at one of the nearby restaurants, located on Colonel Glenn Highway. Please remember to finish all of your food and drink before you reenter the Nutter Center.

12:00 PM: Jr.FLL High Fives Celebration! Watch the Jr.FLL Closing Ceremony on the arena floor. All of our Jr.FLL teams are winners! If you have the opportunity to watch this ceremony, I know the teams would love to hear your applause!

12:30 PM: FLL Robot Competitions Resume

1:15 PM: End Official Rounds

1:30 PM: Alliance Round Begins: For an added teamwork challenge (and just for fun), teams have been placed into Alliance Teams consisting of three FLL teams that

share a Pit Pod area. These teams have been challenged to see how many points they can achieve on the competition table in a single 2.5 minute robot match, using all three of the Alliance Team's robots! For the Alliance Competition Rules, refer to the FLL Ohio State Championship web page at:

http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/pages/fll_stchamp.html

2:00 PM: End FTC Scrimmage: Join us for a pre-awards celebration of our coaches!

2:15 PM: Parade of Teams and Medal Event: Cheer for your teams as they receive their medals and are seated for the Awards Ceremony.

~2:30 PM: Awards Ceremony: Join us for this last hour to celebrate the accomplishments of all championship and ambassador teams!

We would like to thank all of the families for supporting your teams throughout the FLL season and for this event. Parents – you should be very proud of the incredible people your children are becoming, and thank you for sharing them with the rest of the Ohio Championship teams for this experience.

3:30 PM: End of Event: Have a safe trip home!

A FINAL NOTE ABOUT GRACIOUS BEHAVIOR

In FLL we embrace the value of “Gracious Professionalism®.” Please be gracious observers of this FLL experience. Poor behavior on the part of family members can impact a team negatively with the judges.

HAVE FUN!