

Team Information Packet

Welcome to

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Qualifying Tournament January 28, 2024

SpotLight Showdown

Robotics Competition



Hosted by:  **21332**

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Our Set Up

We will be hosting in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center (AHLC) basketball facility and lobby areas for team registration, the pit area, the practice field, robot inspection, judging areas, and match competition field. There are bleachers for your viewing enjoyment. Please refer to the map at the end of this packet for location and parking options.

The lobby contains a concession stand for morning snacks, restrooms, and water-filling stations. Near the concession stand, you will be able to purchase tickets for an All-You-Can-Eat lunch extravaganza at \$11.00 each. You can purchase concessions and lunch tickets with cash, credit, or debit cards.

Unloading: Parking and Registration

Western New England University has multiple entrances. For our event, the best entrance is labeled on the attached map: “Athletic Facilities” Entrance off of Wilbraham Rd. Please offload at the location marked on the attached map, and then move to parking behind the HLC. Upon arrival, the team’s coach will receive an envelope with information for the day. The rest of the team will be shown the pit map and their location.

Inspections & Judging

Inspections and judging will start at 7:45 am. If you don’t think you can be in Springfield by then, please let us know as soon as possible. **If you are concerned** about passing inspection, please let our team registration volunteers know! We will do our best to have someone come to your pit table and help. **Inspection delays** are the biggest reason for events running late. Please let us help you early so we can run an efficient and timely event!

Match List

Once inspections are complete, the match list will be published and each team will be given one copy at their pit table. (This usually occurs during the driver’s meeting.)

Food Items and Lunch

WNE will be supplying all food items, with a concession stand in the lobby of our gym. You can purchase tickets for their All-You-Can-Eat lunch extravaganza for \$11.00. **There can be no outside food vendors delivering food items.** Your team members are most welcome to bring in snacks and their water bottles since there is a water-filling station located near the restrooms in the lobby. If a member of your

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team has special dietary considerations, feel free to accommodate that team member as you feel necessary.

Lunch will be served at WNE's University Commons Building (Building 9), a short walk from the AHL, from 12:00-1:00 with matches resuming at 1:00. We ask that the teams scheduled at 1:00 and the four teams following them be prompt to ensure that the event runs smoothly and on time.

Please Note: WNEU cannot offer transportation to the dining hall, but you can drive and park in the nearby parking lot.

The Pit Area

Teams will receive a table near electricity and be able to access WNE's WIFI. Please bring an extension cord to access power. There will be no chairs in the pit area. Team members who need to sit can use the bleachers.

Guests Visiting the Pit Area

To keep our pit area safe and as a dedicated working space for our participating teams, non-team members and children may briefly visit the pits but are not allowed to spend extended time with the team in the pit area. Additionally, a supervising adult chaperone must accompany non-team member youths at all times. This will ensure an appropriate safe and fun environment for all of our competing teams.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to make the MA FIRST Tech Challenge, Spotlight Showdown, and competition experience fun and focused on all of our competing teams.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday morning, January 28, 2024 @ 7:30 am

Kind regards,
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