

Team Information Packet

Welcome to

WENTERS STAGE

PRESENTED BY  **RTX**

Qualifying Tournament January 28, 2024

SpotLight Showdown

Robotics Competition

Hosted by:  **21332**

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY  **WNE**

Industrial Engineering

BTI Boston Tech Initiative

FIRST TECH CHALLENGE

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Our Set Up

We will be hosting in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center (AHLC) located on Evergreen Road, Springfield, MA 01119. We will use the the lobby area for team registration and the basketball facility for the pit area, the practice field, robot inspection, judging areas, the match competition field, and practice 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 (WNE) has multiple entrances. For our event, the best entrance is labeled on the map located at the end of this packet: “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 containing information for the day. The rest of the team can find their pit table.

Inspections & Judging

Inspections will begin at 7:45 and judging will start at 8:00 am. Our schedule for both areas are on the last page of our packet. If you don’t think you arrive 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 for sale, with a concession stand in the AHLC lobby. 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

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a water-filling station located near the restrooms in the lobby. If a member of your 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 AHLIC, 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 are welcome to 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 as well as a power strip if you need multiple outlets. 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.

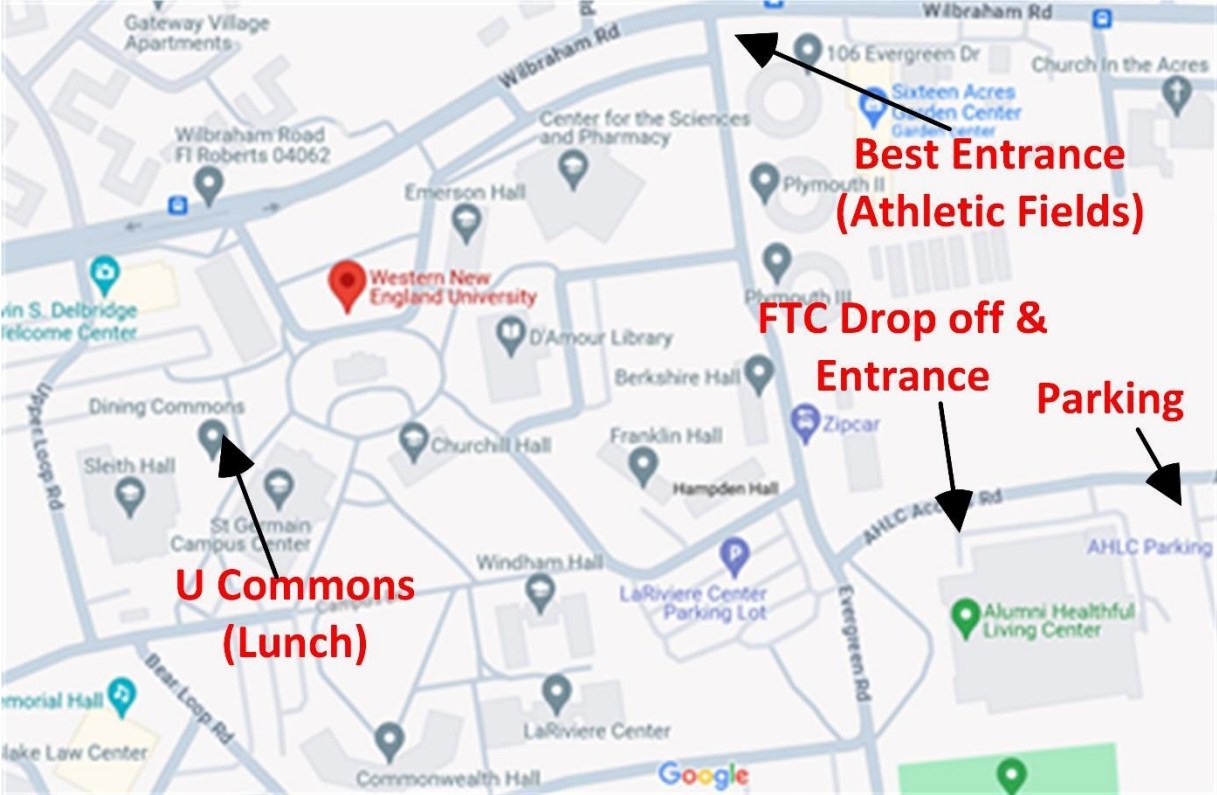
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to make the MA FIRST Tech Challenge, Spotlight Showdown, and competition experience fun and focused on all of our competing teams.

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

Kind regards,
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Robot Inspection Schedule

Time Slot	Team	Team	Team	Team
7:45	23286	24413	21877	17218
8:05	1	23067	3565	12147
8:25	24357	24605	20808	
8:45	5710	20613	23248	14853
9:05	22059	7245	15943	23256
9:25	8227	15089	22489	17345

Judges Meeting Schedule

Time Slot	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
8:00 - 8:10	5710	20613	23248	14853
8:20 - 8:30	22059	7245	15943	23256
8:40 - 8:50	8227	15089	22489	17345
Break				
9:10 - 9:20	23286	24413	21877	17218
9:30 - 9:40	1	23067	3565	12147
9:50 - 10:00	24357	24605	20808	