



**TEXAS BEST 2009**  
Discovery Park and Coliseum – University of North Texas  
December 4 & 5, 2009  
**Judging Sign-up Form – Due by Nov. 20, 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you judged Texas BEST before?      YES    NO

Have you judged for any BEST competition before?    YES    NO   If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

All judges will be provided with a green event T-shirt that should be worn at Friday and Saturday judging events, please indicate your t-shirt size:   S     M     L     XL     XXL     XXXL     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the one that best describes your affiliation:

- College Student                       University Faculty/employee    High School Faculty/employee  
 Business/corporation            State Dept. of Education            Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the events that you would be willing to judge:**

| Check                    | Judging Category (descriptions follow below) | Volunteers needed | Location       | Day              | Time            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notebooks                                    | 12                | Discovery Park | Thursday, Dec. 3 | 6:00pm–9:00pm   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Oral Presentations                           | 9                 | Discovery Park | Friday, Dec. 4   | 8:00am – 4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Table Displays and Interviews*               | 10                | Coliseum       | Saturday, Dec. 5 | 7:00am – 3:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spirit and Sportsmanship*                    | 8                 | Coliseum       | Saturday, Dec. 5 | 7:00am – 3:00pm |

\* Requires attendance at training session.

Mail, fax, or email (preferred) this form by **Friday, November 20, 2009** to:

Dr. Miguel Garcia-Rubio, UNT Discovery Park  
1155 Union Circle #310440, Denton, Texas 76203–5017  
Phone 940-565-2524, Fax 940-369-8570, [miguel.garcia-rubio@unt.edu](mailto:miguel.garcia-rubio@unt.edu)

We thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer to help with this program. We guarantee you'll have a blast!

## **Judging Event Descriptions**

### **1. Project Notebooks – 12 judges needed**

Each participating “BEST Award” team must produce a 3-ring binder notebook that documents the process the team went through to design and build the robot....a diary of sorts. The book can contain a maximum of 30 pages of written explanation, along with photographs, design drawings, computer-generated drawings, etc. The notebook judging process will occur Thursday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Discovery Park. The evening will include dinner at 6:00pm. People with backgrounds in math, science, engineering and technology are especially needed in this area. The project notebook judges will also decide the Founders Award: Awarded to the team that makes best use of the engineering process in consideration of offensive and defensive capabilities in machine design; awarded in recognition of BEST founders Steve Marum and Ted Mahler.

### **2. Oral Presentations – 9 judges needed**

Each participating “BEST Award” team must give a 20 minute oral presentation to relay both the team’s robot-building process as well as community involvement. Each team is allowed a 30 minute time slot; 5 minutes for set-up, 15 minutes to present, 5 minutes for Q & A from the judges, and 5 minutes for judges to fill out the scoring sheets. Teams are encouraged to be as creative as possible with their presentations. This category will include a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 team members, with 3 judges present for each presentation. This judging event will occur on Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> with orientation at 8:30am and judging beginning at 9:00am to 4:00pm at Discovery Park.

### **3. Table Displays and Interviews – 10 judges needed**

*Table Displays:* Each participating “BEST Award” team is given 10’ X 10’ space with a 6 ft. table on which to visually and creatively display school spirit, community involvement, and robot design and construction. These displays will be positioned on the Concourse of the UNT Coliseum

*Interviews:* Judges will circulate the table display area and interview team members staffing the displays. Table display judging and student interviews will occur on Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm. You will be contacted with details upon receipt of this form.

The table display and interview judges will also decide on a special award: Most Photogenic (Awarded to the team whose machine is the most eye pleasing, fit and trim of external components and with aesthetic embellishments).

### **4. Spirit and Sportsmanship – 8 judges needed**

During the competition on Saturday, December 5, 2009 judges will circulate the arena and evaluate school/team spirit and good sportsmanship of team members. Judges will need to arrive on game day by 7:00am and will judge until 3:00pm. You will be contacted with details upon receipt of this form.

Spirit and Sportsmanship judges will also select the Most Elegant Award awarded to the team whose machine has the best design and execution -- the machine that makes you say, "Wow!".

### *Additional Information for Judges*

- A hospitality room will be provided at the UNT Coliseum on Saturday of the competition. Meals, snacks, and beverages will be provided for event volunteers, judges and corporate sponsors only. Due to budget constraints we cannot accommodate guests of volunteers or judges.
- Because of the non-profit nature of the BEST program, we are unable to pay for out of town judges' accommodations; however, we have selected the Quality Inn in Denton as the "staff" hotel – see hotel information on the website. This location is cost effective, provide a complimentary hot breakfast and will provide us a hospitality area.
- All judges will be provided with a green event T-shirt that should be worn at Friday and Saturday judging events
- A "Judges Only" room will be available at the Coliseum and Discovery park for private consultations among judges. Only judges and judging assistants will be allowed to enter this room.
- Questions with regard to judging should be directed to Tom Fitzmaurice at [fitzmaurice@unt.edu](mailto:fitzmaurice@unt.edu) or 214-762-7621.
- Questions with regard to volunteering or referral of volunteers should be directed to Tom Fitzmaurice as above.
- Rules for this year's challenge, "High Octane", can be found at the BRI website, [www.bestinc.org](http://www.bestinc.org). "BEST Award" guidelines are also posted on the website.