

Texas BEST BEST 2009

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

Name: _____ Company/Institution: _____

Title/Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email address: _____ Work Phone: _____

All volunteers will be provided with an event T-shirt (to be returned to the volunteer coordinator) that should be worn at Friday and Saturday volunteer events: S M L XL XXL XXXL Other _____

Have you volunteered for any BEST competition before? YES NO If yes, in what capacity? _____

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 all positions that you would be willing to volunteer for:

Check	Category (see descriptions below)	Volunteers Needed	Location	Day	Time
	Referee*	20	Coliseum	Saturday, Dec. 5	7:00am-5:00pm
	Compliance Check in Pit Crew*	15	Coliseum	Friday, Dec. 4 Saturday, Dec. 5	9:00am-4:00pm 7:00am-5:00pm
	Registration/Information Desk	10	Discovery Park and Coliseum	Friday, Dec. 4 Saturday, Dec. 5	8:00am-5:00pm 7:00am-5:00pm
	Hospitality	4	Coliseum	Saturday, Dec 5	7:00am-5:00pm
	Scorekeeping and Clock Operation*	10	Coliseum	Saturday, Dec. 5	7:00am-5:00pm
	Field Set up	10	Coliseum	Friday, Dec 4	8:00am-12:00pm
	Field Tear down			Saturday, Dec. 5	5:00pm – 7:00 pm

***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

Volunteer Job Descriptions

Volunteers will be interacting with parents, students, and teachers. Volunteers should put their best foot forward and be helpful, friendly, and overall good stewards of BEST Robotics and the University of North Texas. Keep in mind that this is a championship event for a national program and these students have worked very hard to get here. A hospitality room is provided at the Coliseum on Saturday of the competition where 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. We thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer to help with this worthwhile program. We guarantee you'll have a blast!

***Referees**

The Robotics portion of the competition is similar to many sporting events in that it requires referees to oversee all head-to-head matches between robots. Additional referees will be needed to rotate periodically and give each other breaks throughout the day. Referees must be very familiar with the game rules, so a training session will be offered. Rules for this year's challenge, "High Octane", can be found at the **BRI** website, www.bestinc.org.

***Pit Crew**

The Pit Crew works with the Pit Bosses to cover the following jobs:

- Oversee the robot repair tables
- Stage the teams prior to each match
- "Police" the pit area of the floor to ensure that adults are not repairing broken machines
- Help with set-up and break-down of the pit area
- Help with compliance check-in of robots on Friday and/or Saturday morning prior to the competition

The Pit is a very busy and important part of the competition. A well-organized and sufficiently manned pit will ensure smooth transitions of teams entering and leaving the playing field throughout the day. A training session will be required early in the week of the competition.

Registration/ Information Desk

All participating teams must register (check-in) upon arrival at the Coliseum or at Discovery Park. In addition, the Registration/Information desk will be the main site for those in attendance to ask questions about the weekend's events.

***Scorekeeping and Clock operation**

Scorekeepers should be numbers oriented and comfortable with computers (particularly Excel spreadsheets) and willing to work in a fast-paced environment! The clock operators are responsible for keeping time of each 3-minute match using the main scoreboard in the Coliseum.