



FLL Maryland Coach Conference Agenda

Saturday, October 04, 2014

9:00 am – 9:30am	<p>Welcome and Opening Registration for Qualifiers Explained ITE 104 Jamie Gurganus – FLL Operational Partner</p>				
9:40 am – 10:30am	<p>Nature's Fury Robot Game – Head Referee: Jason Dunthorn & Assistant Head Ref: Richard Blorstad ITE 104 <i>Note: Referees will remain in this room for any additional questions</i></p>				
10:45 am – 11:30am	<p>Project – Best Practices Susan C. and Dawn R ITE 229</p>	<p>What to Expect in Judging MD Judge Advisors ITE 102</p>	<p>Fundraising, Sustaining FLL Teams & Resources ITE 231 Marco Ciavolino</p>	<p>Volunteering Jenny Beatty ITE 239</p>	<p>Running a New Team Rose Young & Dana Aucoin ITE 227</p>
11:45 am – 12:30pm	<p>Project-Best Practices ITE 229</p>	<p>What to Expect in Judging MD Judge Advisors ITE 102</p>	<p>Fundraising, Sustaining FLL Teams & Resources ITE 231</p>	<p>Volunteering Jenny Beatty ITE 239</p>	<p>Running a New Team Rose Young & Dana Aucoin ITE 227</p>
	<p>End of the day or Lunch Break</p>				
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Programming Basics –NXT (This is ONLY for those who RSVP'd due to limited space) ITE 238</p>				<p>Programming Basics –EV3 (This is ONLY for those who RSVP'd due to limited space) ITE 239</p>



Project – Best Practices Room: ITE 229

This can be the most important part of your team’s work. The project research and presentation will bring together all the elements of the annual challenge. The presentation provides an opportunity to express the results in wildly creative ways. Since it is required to compete, you might as get all the facts. Susan Cody Ciavolino, STEM Education Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County and Dawn Raiber, veteran TechBrick mentor, share their experience and wisdom concerning how to create a ‘world class’ project.

What to Expect in Judging Room: ITE 102

The Maryland FLL Judge Advisors will go over what teams should expect in judging rooms. Topics will include a rough schedule of our qualifiers, what to bring to judging sessions, what happens in each judging session, how awards are selected, and how teams are chosen for advancement to the state championship. Please bring your questions about these and any other topics related to judging and qualifiers.

Fundraising, Sustaining FLL Teams & Resources Room: ITE 231

Learn how to create a team identity that extends to appearance, signage, fundraising, web, social media, public speaking and more. Even a first year team can look and sound “world-class.” Find out what to do and how to get various element made affordably. Marco Ciavolino, Executive Director of TechBrick Robotics, share insights from more than 12 years of US FIRST involvement in all four US FIRST programs.

Volunteering Room: ITE 239

It took 1500+ volunteers to run 40+ FIRST events in Maryland last season. Come learn about all the opportunities to get involved this robot season. We will review how to volunteer for FIRST events (Jr.FLL, FLL, FTC & FRC) including the key roles at qualifiers. We will also briefly discuss the Youth Protection Program for event volunteers as well as opportunities to mentor teams. The targeted audience for this session is: student and adult team leaders, parents & family members and interested community members. Run By: Jenny Beatty, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator

Running a New Team Room: ITE 227

Here is your opportunity to ask questions from experienced coaches about running a team. They will discuss scheduling, how much you and your mentor should be involved, getting ready for a tournament and more. Come with questions! Run by: Dana Aucoin and Rose Young

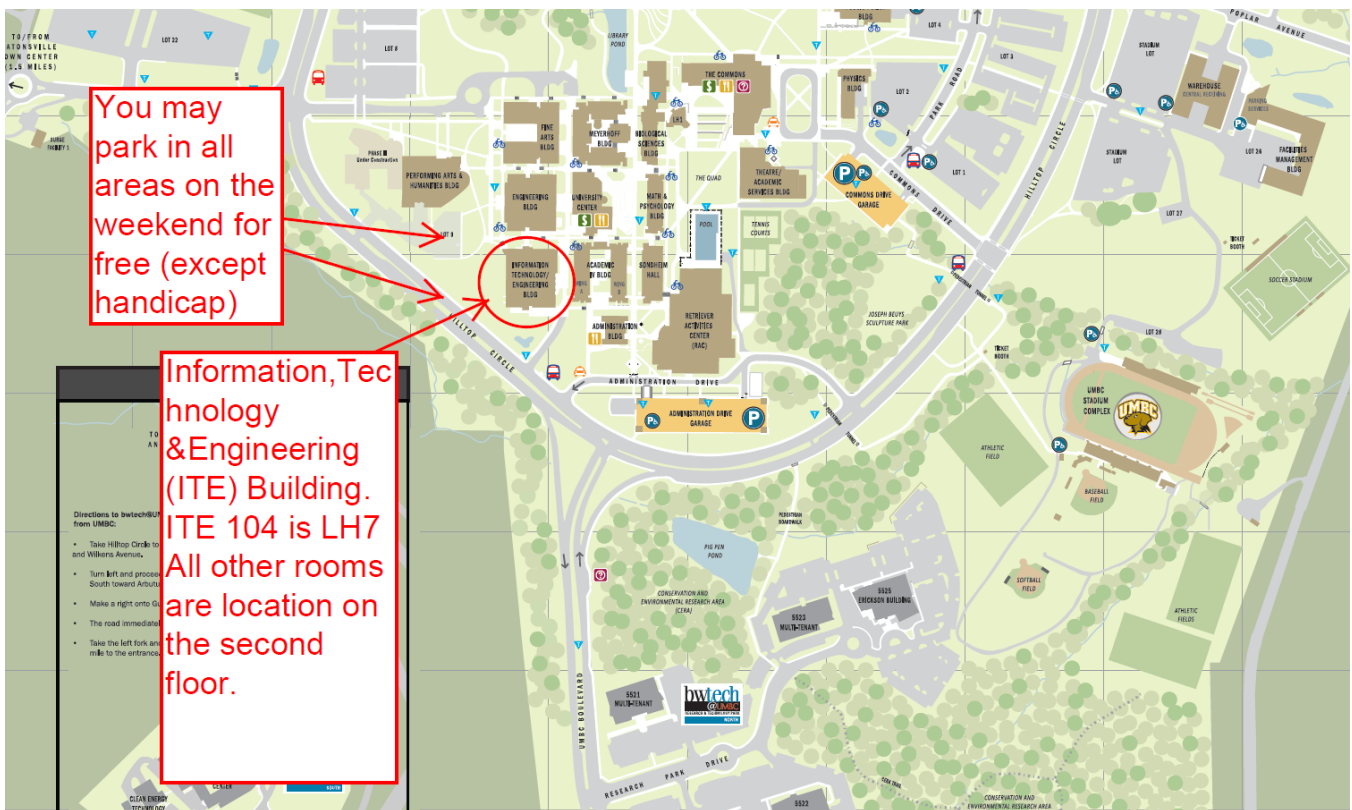
Qualifiers and Dates:

Location	Location	Date
College Sothern Maryland	Leonardtwn, MD	12/6/2014
Glenelg Country School	Ellicott City, MD	12/6/2014
South River	Edgewater, MD	12/6/2014
John Carroll	Bel Air, MD	12/13/2014
Carroll Community	Westminster, MD	12/13/2014
Salisbury	Salisbury, MD	12/13/2014
Garrett County	Accident, MD	12/13/2014
Applied Physics Lab	Laurel, MD	1/10/2015
Rockville Science Center	Rockville, MD	1/10/2015
McLean School	Potomac, MD	1/10/2015
Aberdeen Proving Grounds	Aberdeen, MD	1/24/2015
Girl Scouts Central MD	Baltimore, MD	1/25/2015
South/Tech Rec.	Fort Washington, MD	1/31/2015
Digital Harbor HS	Baltimore, MD	TBD
Marriott's Ridge HS	Marriottsville, MD	TBD
AACC	Arnold, MD	TBD

Important points

1. You will be allowed to choose your top three choices.
2. YOU MUST CHOICE ONE DECEMBER DATE.
3. Plan as though you are going to a December qualifier.
4. We try to accommodate to situations and exceptions can be made. However the following are not permitted:
 - a. Vacation
 - b. New team
 - c. Some of the team not being available due to sports, music etc. We run and operate as a sport.
5. If you have more than one team. Plan to have a coach for each team. Please do not try to register all your teams at one location. It is VERY difficult to place coaches with more than two teams at one location. Even two can be difficult but more manageable.
6. Please understand, as with all of FLL to include us, we operate on the passion of volunteers. Our qualifying sites have sacrificed their time and space to help contribute to such an important imitative. Each of these can only handle a limited amount of teams.

Map



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