



Week one is in the books and for those of us who are still playing I have some information that may be helpful.

- Ball breakage was not as bad as I expected. There was a group of volunteers who were able to fix them over the event.*

We also want to let you know the 2008-2009 Consent and Release form is now posted at:

[http://www.usfirst.org/uploadedFiles/Community/As
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2009%20FIRST%20Consent%20and%20Release
%20Form.pdf](http://www.usfirst.org/uploadedFiles/Community/As
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FIRST Scholarships

The Southern California Regional Robotics Forum (SCRRF) will award \$500 scholarships to two Southern California

FIRST students for their first year of college study in the field of math, science or technology. The award is non-renewable

and will be recognized at the *FIRST* Championship in Atlanta.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- ☐ ☐ High school senior
- ☐ ☐ Actively participates on a Southern California robotics team
- ☐ ☐ *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) team or
- ☐ ☐ *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team
- ☐ ☐ Participates in one or more Southern California regional events:
 - o December 8, 2007 Los Angeles FTC Championship Tournament
 - o December 15, 2007 San Diego FTC Championship Tournament
 - o March 6-8, 2008 San Diego Regional (FRC)
 - o March 20-22, 2008 Los Angeles Regional (FRC)

Submission Requirements:

- ☐ ☐ Students write a 500 word essay titled "The Impact of *FIRST* on my Future Goals."
- ☐ ☐ A copy of their high school transcript.
- ☐ ☐ Letter of recommendation from one of the adult members of their team stating that the applicant has demonstrated the values of *FIRST* and is a member in good standing.
- ☐ ☐ All materials need to be delivered or post marked by April 1, 2009 to:

LeRoy Nelson
SCRRF Scholarship Committee
1457 3rd Street
Manhattan Beach CA 90266-6335

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About SCRRF:



The new 2008 2009 FIRST Tech Challenge game has been announced.

See list of Spring events at the end of this news letter for events in Los Angeles, Dan Diego and Las Vegas.



Vex World Championship Dallas, TX April 30- May 2, 2009

Ralph Mills will be your best source for information. ralphmills@aol.com

You can also find additional information at www.robotevents.com

Upcoming Events Spring 2009

- Los Angeles Regional "FTC" March 7, 2009 CSUN. Satellite Student Union North Part of Campus.
- San Diego Regional FRC March 5-7, 2009
- FRC Los Angeles Regional Long Beach Convention Center March 12-14, 2009
- *FIRST* Championship Event Georgia Dome Atlanta Georgia April 16-19, 2009



If you have news that I can share with the *FIRST* teams you are welcome and encouraged to send it to me.

If you would like to write on a particular topic I am happy to provide space in this newsletter.

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Reminder # 1: Bring your shipping labels for home or your next destination.

Reminder #2: Don't forget your FedEx freight bills.

Reminder # 3: Bring extra goggles for visitors to your pit.

Reminder # 4: Only 3 people may enter on Thursday at 7:45. Everyone else waits outside. No, you can't have extra people come in to help carry stuff in. The purpose is to have a small group only come in to uncrate the robots and allow the show company time to get the big crates out of everyone's way.

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