

Senior Mentor Report

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2009 *FIRST* Consent and Release Form

(Needed prior to all competition participation by all team members.)
We also want to let you know the 2008-2009 Consent and Release form is now posted at:
<http://www.usfirst.org/uploadedFiles/Community/Asset/2008-2009%20FIRST%20Consent%20and%20Release%20Form.pdf>

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FIRST Scholarships

There are over 56 *FIRST* Scholarships with application deadlines between now and March 1st. Be sure to check out the *FIRST* Scholarship web page (at www.usfirst.org/scholarships) and follow the link to the **2009 *FIRST* Scholarship Opportunities**. Hint: you can sort the scholarship list by application deadline date by clicking on the Deadline column header.

New or Changed *FIRST* Scholarships:

- **Purdue University/BAE Systems** has added an additional \$15,000 scholarship to their offering. They now are offering three scholarships, two for \$15,000 and one for \$10,000, payable over four years.
- **Purdue University-Computer Science** Department is offering four scholarships, each for \$250.
- **ITT Technical Institute** has updated their scholarship description with an additional participating campus, in Tempe, AZ. They now have 33 participating ITT Tech campuses throughout the country that are each offering one *FIRST* scholarship. Check their scholarship description to see if there is a participating campus in your area.
- **BAE Systems** will again be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to one student on each team that they support. This year BAE Systems is supporting nearly 100 teams!

www.usfirst.org/scholarshipsearch.aspx

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

The Los Angeles Regional for FTC will be Saturday, March 7, 2009 at CSUN. For additional information please contact Prof.

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San Diego Regional FTC Event:

There is still space for more teams in the San Diego FTC Regional Championship. To register, simply fill out the form below and return it by email. And, yes, free tournament t-shirts are still available for the next few teams that register.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Date: February 28, 2009
- Place: Madison High School,
4833 Doliva Drive, San Diego,
CA 92117
- Cost: \$75 for first team from
each school; \$50 per team for
additional teams from the same
school
- Food: Box lunches from Subway
(6" sandwich, soda, cookie &
chips) are available for pre-
order at \$6 per lunch
- Team Limit: Registration is
limited, so we encourage early
registration.
- **EARLY BOT SPECIAL:** The first
25 teams to register will receive
FREE tournament t-shirts (up
to 10 shirts per team)

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Hit reply to this email, then fill
out the registration form below,
then hit send. If you are
registering more than one
team, please register each
team separately.
2. Make your check out to: "John
Brooks/San Diego FTC"

3. Mail your check to: San Diego
FTC, c/o John Brooks, 4130
Stettler Way, San Diego, CA
92122.
4. Your registration is complete
when your check is received.

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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

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Upcoming Events Spring 2009

- Pre Ship Scrimmage Saturday
and Sunday, February 14, 15,
2009 at Crenshaw High School
- San Diego FTC Tournament
February 28, 2009 at Madison
High School
- Los Angeles Regional "FTC"
March 7, 2009 CSUN.
- 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: Don't forget that you will need to bring safety glasses with you to the competitions. Have enough for all team members and guests. Mark them with your team number.

Reminder #2: Don't forget to send in your mentor information for the mentor walk.

Reminder # 3: Have you been working on your "Homework?"

Reminder # 4: Fed EX shipping is different this year. Make sure you read the section on robot transportation.

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