

## **2019 BAYOU REGIONAL PERMISSION SLIP**

Greetings, L&N STEMpunks and Families!

Select L&N STEM Academy FIRST Robotics team members will be competing and representing the L&N STEMpunks at the 2019 Bayou Regional in Kenner, LA from March 19th - 24th. Please note that this trip takes place during Spring Break. We will be staying at the Wyndham Garden Inn Hotel for all five nights of the trip, and we will be traveling via organized carpool driven by parents and mentors. Please see the attached agenda for tentative schedule of all field trip days.

**Hotel:** Wyndham Garden Inn Hotel  
6401 Veterans Memorial Blvd Metairie, LA 70003  
Tel: (504) 885-5700

**Competition Venue:** Pontchartrain Center  
4545 Williams Blvd Kenner 70065

**Other Venues:** Laser Tag of Metairie  
8855 Veterans Memorial Blvd Metairie, LA 70003  
Tel: (504) 469-7475  
Various Locations, Sightseeing, and Tours

### **Carpools: (~40 seats total)**

Bonnie Panettieri  
2013 Toyota Highlander  
5 Seats

Beth Motto  
2017 Kia Sorento  
4 Seats

Greg Motto  
2016 Kia Optima  
4 Seats

Jessi Pujado  
2014 Honda Odyssey  
6 Seats

Paul Moody  
2012 Ford F-150  
4 Seats

Tim Klein  
2008 Honda Odyssey  
7 seats

Suzanne Bell  
2015 Honda Odyssey  
6 Seats

Rita Barrick  
2009 Honda Odyssey  
6 Seats

### Costs to Attend:

- **The fee to attend is \$188.00 USD.** This amount is due by March 5th and no refunds will be issued past then, regardless of the circumstances. **Checks should be made out to “L&N STEMpunks, Inc.”** Please note your student’s name and that the check is for “Bayou Regional.” Please turn these in to Beth or Greg Motto with the Permission Slip attached.
- Students will need to bring money for **eight (8) meals** as well as any other purchases (souvenirs, snacks, etc.) during the trip. Standard continental breakfast is provided by the hotel, and the team will be organizing lunches on Thursday thru Saturday due to limited food selection at the venue. Dinners will be at restaurants located within walking distance of the hotel; with as many meals donated as possible.

### Your fee helps us pay for:

**Competition registration (\$4,000) - Hotel lodging (~\$8,000)**  
**Laser Tag on Wednesday (~\$400) - Lunch and Dinner Wed.-Sat. (~\$500/day)**

### Expectations:

- Students **MUST** have C’s or above in ALL of their classes. Students who do not have the expected grades before the trip will not be permitted to attend, **regardless of whether they have already paid. Refunds will NOT be issued under any circumstances.** Our attendance list will also be sent to teachers for approval. Grades will be checked on March 15th.
- Students are expected to behave professionally and maturely during the trip because they are representatives of our team and school. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the team. This applies at the event when we interact with other teams, at the hotel when we interact with staff and other guests, and when we are out eating meals. L&N STEMpunks team members are expected to exhibit Gracious Professionalism, as well as the school’s own STEM habits, at all times.
- Students are expected to follow the dress schedule listed at the bottom of this slip.
- While at the hotel, students are allowed **only** in the room to which they are assigned. If students wish to gather with friends it must be in a common space at the hotel (like the lobby).
- There is a swimming pool at the hotel. If students use it there must be an adult chaperone present and students are expected to follow all safety rules. If students choose to swim, their parent or guardian must acknowledge their permission to do so by signing this form.
- Students are highly discouraged from bringing backpacks and devices to the competition event during the day. Students will not have anywhere to store belongings, and the team, school, event organizers, and competition venue are not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items. **Students who were off-task on a device continuously during previous competitions will not be permitted to attend this trip.**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 5th - Forms and payment due  
March 15th - Grades checked  
March 19th - Trip begins  
March 24th - Return home

## **BAYOU REGIONAL TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**(All times in CST upon arrival in LA)**

- *Tuesday, March 19th*
  - **6:30 AM** Check in to Green, get car assignments, load cars. (Eastern Time)
  - **7:00 AM** Depart from Green Magnet Academy (Eastern Time)
  - **12:30 PM** Lunch TBD (Eat with car group)
  - **2:00 PM** Depart for New Orleans
  - **7:00 PM** Check in to Wyndham Hotel (Central Time)
  - **8:00 PM** Dinner at nearby restaurants with mentor/parent
  - **10:00 PM** All students in hotel rooms for the night
- *Wednesday, March 20th*
  - **7:00 AM** Breakfast at hotel in FIRST reserved banquet room.
  - **9:30 AM** Depart for Laser Tag and Sightseeing
  - **10:00 AM** - **12:00 PM** Laser Tag
  - **12:30 PM** - **6:00 PM** /Picnic Lunch, Downtown walking tour,Sightseeing, Bus Tour
  - **6:00 PM** - **8:00 PM** Early Load In and Pit Setup
  - **8:00 PM** Dinner at nearby restaurants with mentor/parent
  - **10:00 PM** All students in hotel rooms for the night
- *Thursday, March 21st*
  - **6:30 AM** Breakfast at hotel in FIRST banquet room.
  - **7:30 AM** Depart for Pontchartrain Center
    - **7:45 AM** 5 Team Reps to Load In
    - **8:30 AM** Registration, Pits Open, Inspection, Workshops begin
    - **9:00 AM** - **11:00 AM** Driver's Meeting, Field Open for measurement and calibration
    - **11:00 AM** - **12:00 PM** Lunch catered by Messina's-Spicy Chicken Alfredo
    - **12:00 AM** - **1:30 PM** Reach for the Stars Senior Celebration in Ballroom
    - **12:00 PM** - **6:30 PM** Practice Matches, Scholarship Row (1PM - 4PM)
    - **7:30 PM** Pit Closes
  - **8:00 PM** Return to hotel, Chisesi Brothers donated New Orleans style po-boy dinner at hotel.
  - **10:00 PM** All students in hotel rooms for the night
- *Friday, March 22nd*
  - **6:30 AM** Breakfast at hotel in FIRST banquet room.
  - **7:30 AM** Depart for Pontchartrain Center
    - **8:00 AM** Pits & Machine Shop Open
    - **8:45 AM** - **9:00 AM** Robot Parade
    - **9:00 AM** - **9:20 AM** Opening Ceremonies
    - **9:20 AM** - **12:00 PM** Qualification Matches Begin
    - **12:00 PM** - **1:00 PM** Lunch donated by Messina's-Chicken & Fish Strips with Fries
    - **12:00 AM** - **1:30 PM** Launch Your Future Junior Celebration in Ballroom
    - **1:00 PM** - **5:45 PM** Qualification Matches Continue, Scholarship Row (1PM - 4PM)
    - **5:45 PM** - **6:15 PM** Awards Ceremony
  - **7:00 PM** Return to hotel & dinner at nearby restaurants with mentor/parents
  - **10:00 PM** All students in hotel rooms for the night

**BAYOU REGIONAL TENTATIVE AGENDA (cont.)**  
**(All times in CST upon arrival in LA)**

- *Saturday, March 23rd*
  - **6:30 AM** Breakfast at hotel in FIRST banquet room.
  - **7:30 AM** Depart for Pontchartrain Center
    - **8:00 AM** Pits, Machine Shop Open
    - **8:15 AM** - **8:30 AM** Second Line Parade (bring your hankies and parasols)
    - **8:30 AM** - **9:00 AM** Opening Ceremonies
    - **9:00 AM** - **12:15 PM** Qualification Matches
    - **12:15 PM** - **12:30 PM** Alliance Selections
    - **12:30 PM** - **1:30 PM** Lunch donated by Messina's-Jambalaya
    - **1:30 PM** - **4:30 PM** Playoff Matches
    - **4:30 PM** - **6:00 PM** Awards Ceremony
  - **7:00 PM** Return to hotel & dinner at nearby restaurants
  - **10:00PM** All students in hotel rooms for the night
  
- *Sunday, March 24th*
  - **6:30 AM** Breakfast at hotel in FIRST banquet room.
  - **8:00 AM** Check out & depart from Wyndham Hotel (Central Time)
  - **1:30 PM** Lunch TBD (Eat with car group)
  - **3:00 PM** Depart for Knoxville
  - **9:00 PM** Arrive at Green Magnet Academy (Eastern Time)

Note: Driver's will have students text when they reach Chattanooga (~1.5 hrs. Before arrival.)

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT TO BRING ON THE TRIP**

*Please note that your luggage will be stowed in the backs of vans and trucks.*

### **Luggages**

- Small luggage - we will have limited cargo space in cars! Please do not overpack!

### **Clothing**

- Team T-Shirts (old and new)
- Team costume (with handkerchief, parasol, goggles, pins, etc.)
- Comfortable shoes and clothing
- Sleepwear
- Undergarments, socks (enough for 5 days)
- Rain gear, umbrella
- Light jacket
- Swimwear, if you plan on using the pool

### **Other Gear**

- A cell phone with slack!
- Toiletries (enough for 5 days)
- Water bottle
- Snacks
- Chargers for electronics
- External batteries for electronics (your phone WILL die at the venue)
- Any prescriptions, medications, etc.

### **Money**

- Money for eight (8) meals
- Money for any souvenirs, snacks, etc.

## **DRESS SCHEDULE**

*Please prepare to adhere to these team dress codes accordingly.*

- TUESDAY - comfortable clothes for long car ride
- WEDNESDAY - Old Team T-Shirt or L&N STEM apparel
- THURSDAY - 2019 Team T-Shirt (not 2018, not 2017, not 2016, not 2015, etc)
- FRIDAY - Full costumes
- SATURDAY - Full costumes
- SUNDAY - comfortable clothes for drive back

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**Parent/Guardian – Your son and/or daughter has been invited to participate in the Bayou Regional in Kenner, LA from March 19th to March 24th. Please complete this form, sign, date, and return to Beth or Greg Motto with your check made to L&N STEMpunks, Inc. as soon as possible.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, an active student at the L&N STEM Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee. By submitting this form, I give my permission for my son/daughter (named above) to attend the Bayou Regional during the dates of March 19th to March 24th, 2019.

I understand that although the students will be under the supervision of L&N STEM Academy staff, team mentors, and parent chaperones, I assume all risk in my student's participation in the event. I acknowledge that all those attending the field trip are deemed to have waived all claims against the L&N STEM Academy, L&N STEM staff, Knox County School District, and L&N STEMpunks, Inc. for any potential injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of the competition field trip.

My son/daughter has read and understands the expectations and will adhere to them at all times during the entirety of the trip. They understand failure to comply with these expectations may result in suspension from the team and potential disciplinary actions at the discretion of L&N STEM Academy administration.

If my son/daughter chooses to swim during the trip, I verify that they are able to swim and that they are expected to follow any posted pool rules. They also may only swim under the supervision of a trip chaperone or certified lifeguard on duty.

My son/daughter is responsible for bringing money for meals as well as any other purchases (souvenirs, etc.) during the trip.

By signing below, I confirm that all information above is truthful and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OK to Swim?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Lead Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

*Students must have their attendance approved by a team lead, who signs above after the slip is turned in to the club with parent & student signatures.*

Medical information is on file as submitted during the team sign-up process. If your medical information has changed since then, please let us know and we can get a new medical release form.