



## Central Valley Regional 2015 Parent Meeting Notes

1. What are competitions?
  - a. Regional Competitions: 40-60 teams from schools, clubs, etc... from an area
  - b. Teams attend two regionals, winners go world championships in St. Louis
  - c. Central Valley Regional (CVR) held in Madera, CA annually
2. Schedule
  - a. CVR held at Madera South High School from March 5-8 (Thurs-Sun)
  - b. Advanced team going on 5th, rest of team leaving on 6th
  - c. Be at Paly Churchill parking lot 5:45 am Friday (3/6) for departure
  - d. Return to Paly around 11:30pm Sunday (3/8)
3. Pits and stands
  - a. Pits: 10ft x 10ft area for maintaining robot between matches
  - b. Stands: By game field, for spectating and scouting
4. Scouting
  - a. Scouting provides the team useful information about other teams' robots
    - i. helps the team captain choose alliance partners
    - ii. gives the team extra information about matches
  - b. Pit scouting: Team members go to each team's pit station and asks questions about their robot
  - c. Match scouting: 6-8 students watch a match and record robot performance
5. Food
  - a. Breakfast: provided by hotel
  - b. Lunch: parent volunteers will provide lunch at the competition site
  - c. Dinner: Eaten at restaurant, collective bill paid for by the team
  - d. Bring a bag lunch for Friday and money for dinner Sunday
6. Lodging and Transportation
  - a. Coach and parent drivers will transport students to Madera
  - b. Springhill Suites by Marriott: 1219 E. Almond Ave 93637 Madera, CA
  - c. 3 or 4 students to a room
7. What to bring
  - a. A bag lunch for Friday and money for dinner Sunday
  - b. 3 days worth of robotics shirts, clothes and toiletries
  - c. Entertainment or homework for hotel free time - no games during competition
8. STIMS
  - a. "Student Team Information System": <https://my.usfirst.org/stims/>
  - b. Students create account and fill out personal profile
  - c. Parents create account, fill out school info and release form
  - d. Students log back in and sign up for team 8
9. Competition Fee
  - a. Student Fee of \$260 (\$160 lodging, \$80 food, \$20 transportation)
  - b. Checks to "PAHS Robotics Boosters"; given directly to Mr. Kuszmaul (No cash)
  - c. For scholarships email "palyroboticsboosters@gmail.com"



## Schedule

### **Thursday, March 5, 2015**

**1:45PM: Advanced Team Leaves for Madera**

### **Friday, March 6, 2015**

**6:00AM: Rest of Team Leaves for Madera**

**8:30AM: Arrive at Madera**

**12:00PM – 6:30PM: Practice Rounds**

### **Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**8:00AM: Competition Day Starts**

**8:30AM – 9:00AM: Opening Ceremonies**

**9:00AM – 5:45PM: Qualification Matches**

**5:45PM – 6:30PM: Awards Ceremony**

### **Sunday, March 8, 2015**

**8:00AM: Competition Day Starts**

**8:30AM – 9:00AM: Opening Ceremonies**

**9:00AM – 12:15PM: Qualification Matches**

**1:30PM – 4:30PM: Final Rounds**

**4:30PM – 5:30PM: Awards Ceremony**

**7:30PM: Leave Madera**

**11:30PM: Arrive back to Palo Alto**



## STIMS Directions

### **BEING REGISTERED FOR STIMS IS REQUIRED TO GO TO COMPETITION**

STIMS Instructions:

1. Go to "<https://my.usfirst.org/stims/>"
2. Click "New Youth User" and create an account - when you are finished, it will log you out automatically
3. Click "New Parent/Guardian User"
4. Fill out youth's school information
5. Fill out youth's consent and release form and then log out of parent account
6. Log back in to student account and request to join Team 8.

A link to the STIMS sign up page and to a FAQ are on the website at [palyrobotics.com/resources](http://palyrobotics.com/resources).