**Rolla High School Robotics Team Membership Requirements**

* **Time commitment:**

1. Starting in early September through about mid-February, building team members (Mechanical and Programming) are expected to meet ***AT LEAST*** once per week in the evenings for two hours (Tuesdays) and once per week on Sunday afternoons for two hours. Marketing Team members are expected to meet Tuesdays, from 3:30 to 5:30 and occasionally will be asked to meet with the building team members. **An average of 50% attendance rate or higher is required in order to participate in competitions and maintain team membership**. If you fall below that average during a given month, you will discuss your attendance issues with the main coaches and will be put on probation. If you do not raise your attendance by the end of the probation period, you will be cut from the team.
2. Team members are **required to participate in two or more team fund-raising events per year**. This may include anything from making presentations for potential sponsors, to writing thank-you letters to sponsors, or demonstrating the robots to the community at large to generate interest.
3. Team members are expected to participate in 2 or 3 Saturday Robotics Competitions during the months of December through February.

* **Academics:**

Rolla High School Robotics promotes strong academics. In all situations academics comes before robotics. Students should bring homework with them to meetings so that they may work on their assignments if there is “down time” caused by the need to perform certain build tasks in sequence. **Students must** **maintain a grade point average of at least 2.8 to participate in Robotics. Students are not to have a D or an F in any class.** If you fall under that GPA during a grading period and/or receive a D or an F, , you will be put on academic probation. If you do not raise your GPA and/or the low grades by the end of the probation period, you will be cut from the team.

* **Behavior:**

Rolla High School Robotics promotes gracious professionalism in all situations. Members should always behave in that manner. Student misconduct, whether during or outside of robotics meetings or events, that reflects poorly on the team or the school will result in disciplinary action by the team, including suspension or expulsion from the team.

* **Teacher recommendation:**

New prospective members must provide one letter of recommendation from a

teacher . Attach to application.

* **Parent/Applicant Meeting:** On **Sunday, August 24th, 1 pm,** there will be an Informational

meeting. The meeting will be in the High School Cafeteria.

* **Interview:**

All prospective members, with completed applications, will be interviewed by a panel of

Mentors/Coaches. **Interviews will begin on Sunday, 8/24/14, immediately following**

**the parent/applicant meeting.** Interviews will also take place Tuesday,8/26/14, 6 pm.

* **Monetary commitment:**

1. A Robotics activity fee of $50 is to be paid to ‘Friends of Rolla Robotics’, our booster club. Turn in your robotics fee to Mrs. Tumbrink, Mrs. Maples by September 30, 2014.
2. Any new team t-shirts will be an added cost.
3. Programming software will be available for purchase. Cost depends on number of students purchasing the license.
4. There may be nominal charges for bussing to some events. Team members will also need money for food when participating in Saturday competitions.
5. In the event the team qualifies for a Super Regional and the World Championship, each team member is responsible for travel, food, and lodging expenses in connection with the events

* **Parent Involvement:**

1. Parents will be asked to help with transportation for some of the events.

2. Parents will be asked to help with fundraising events.

3. Parents will be the main communication connection between team coaches and team

members.

4. Parents will be asked to attend parent meetings throughout the season.

* **Meeting Locations:**

At the start of the season, all meetings will take place at the HS Robotics Room.

Once assignments have been established (software, mechanical, marketing) meeting

rooms could also include Mrs. Tumbrink’s Engineering room at RTI and Mrs. Yowell’s

Graphic Arts room at RTI.

* **Communication:**

Announcements will be posted on the Rolla Robotics page on mybigcampus,

http://mbcurl.me/PK9V , on the Junior High and High School announcements, and through

parent emails. Members must check at least one of these modes of communication

DAILY.

**Rolla High School Robotics Team Member Application 2014-2015 Application Due by the 8/22/14**

**Applications may be turned in to Mrs. Maples or Mrs. Tumbrink**

**Interest/Aptitude:**

**Building Team: Main Meetings Tuesdays and Sundays:**

\_\_\_\_\_ mechanical \_\_\_\_ programming \_\_\_\_\_\_ 3-D Modelling

**Outreach Team: Main Meetings Tuesdays at RTI:**

\_\_\_\_ marketing \_\_\_\_\_ graphic arts/design \_\_\_\_\_photography \_\_\_\_\_ web page design

**Applicant Name**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant cell#**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Grade level in school** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Grade point average:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Activities Involved In:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Student Applicant Signature Date

**New Applicant** Questions:

1. Why do you want to be in robotics?

2. If you are NOT chosen to be a part of the team, would you be interested in participating in a

Robotics Club? (The Club would meet approximately 2 evenings a month. The Club would

be sponsored by Kaleidoscope Discovery and would NOT meet at school. The Club would

meet at a site determined by the sponsor.)