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Subject: 2024 Big Time in D-9 Robotics Contest

This email is being sent to all 2024 Big Time in D-9 Robotics contestants and their agents. Please disregard if you do not have contestants in the BT9 Robotics Contest. Also, please note that we have made some small changes to make the District 9 Robotics Contest run more efficiently.

Hello everyone!

If you are receiving this email, your child/children are signed up to participate in the District 9 4-H Robotics Contest on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Location: **Montgomery County Fairgrounds**
9333 Airport Road
Conroe, Texas 77303

Please note this is NOT the same location as the other contests at BT9.

<u>Schedule:</u>	8:00-8:30 AM	Check-in
	8:30 AM	Orientation/Task Reveal
	9:00-12:00 PM	Build/Program Robots
	12:00 PM	Build Time Concludes
	12:15 PM	Matches Begin

This year we will have a working lunch. Please send your child(ren) with snacks and/or a lunch, as we will not be stopping to have a lunch like in previous years.

Details:

- Registration will be held from 8:00-8:30 AM, and will immediately be followed by the Contest Orientation/Task Reveal. At exactly 9:00 AM the contest will begin with teams building/programming their robot. Please find the attached rules. **(Also, please look at the reminders below on what is allowed)**
- There will be 10 minutes allotted for coaches to meet with their teams at the beginning of build time.
- At 12:00 PM we will conclude the build/program portion of the contest. **We will have a working lunch. Please be sure to send your child(ren) with**

snacks and/or a packed lunch. We will NOT be stopping for a lunch break.

- We will begin matches at 12:15.
- Each team will participate in two preliminary matches, and the sum score of the two matches will determine the team's scores.

At the conclusion of the final match we will take a short break to tally points, and then hold an awards program announcing the winners.

Some reminders for your teams:

- This is a blind competition. You must build and program your robot from scratch. **YOU MAY NOT BRING A PRE-BUILT ROBOT.** If you have any pieces assembled upon arrival, you will be asked to take them apart.
- **All LEGO Mindstorm NXT, EV3, Spike Prime and Inventor kits are allowed. You are allowed to use as many motors and/or sensors as you would like. However, only ONE brick is allowed per team.**
- Members will not be able to leave and parents will not be able enter the contest area during the build/program time (9:00 AM-12:00 PM). Parents will not be allowed to communicate with members during the contest.
- Tablets are welcome, and you may use Bluetooth, but have a cord to plug into, just in case it doesn't work. **This happens every year, we do not have the cords to help your teams if they cannot connect via Bluetooth.**
- Pack extra batteries!
- Don't forget your laptop/tablet charger.
- There will be no access to WiFi, youth with tablets/chromebooks may need to bring a hotspot for coding.
- Youth are not allowed to use smart watches or phones during the competition.

Please let myself or Cory Hundl (cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu) know if you have any questions.

We are excited to be having a competition this year and look forward to seeing all of you!

Thank you,

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