

Weekend Meet - Information Packet

Saturday, January 11, 2014



Location

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore PAC
127 Yellowbrook Road
Farmingdale, NJ

Team Arrival:

Per most NJ FTC events, **all teams are asked to arrive by 8am.**

If you are seeking any assistance, let us know, and arrive by 7:30

Registration & Inspection Start: 8am

Matches Start: 9:45am

Event Completes: ~4:00pm

Introduction

Welcome

Thanks for signing up to join us at this New Jersey FTC Weekend Meet.

Special thanks to the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, to Rich Morgan, and to our host team the “TranSisters” for hosting this eventduring their Rookie Season!

FTC has seen some very good growth in the southern New Jersey region this year and through the generosity of teams like the “TranSisters” we will be able to add more events in the developing region.

We’d also like to thank our volunteers and all of our teams who have made the effort to participate.

Here’s a great opportunity to improve your place in the NJ FTC Standings, relative to invitation to the state championship. Good luck!

Driving Info

From the Garden State Parkway:

Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 98. Follow the signs for 195 West-Trenton. Take Exit 31B for Farmingdale-Allaire State Park (Route 524). Go through the traffic light and town of Farmingdale (approximately 3 miles). As road curves almost 90 degrees stay on Route 524. Make a right at Yellow Brook Road. About $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on left will be Activity Center, just before the water tower.

Drop Off and Parking

- The Girl Scout **Program Activity Center**: 127 Yellow Brook Road, Farmingdale NJ is located on-site at Camp Sacajawea.
- Load-In should be very simple. There is only one way into the building and the entrance will be clearly marked by our host.
- There is plenty of free parking. Over 75 parking spots are available plus more on a nearby grass area, should it be needed.

EVENT INFORMATION

Arrival: It is important that all teams arrive on time and report to the check-in table immediately upon arrival. This will allow us to make the match schedule quickly. Please call 862-432-1526 if you are going to be late.

Check In: Team Check-In opens at 8am. We are looking to our teams to arrive between 7:30 and 8am, if possible. This will help us to process teams through inspection and flashing of Samantha in time for a prompt start of matches.

Meet Area: The final page of this Information Packet shows the general layout. The Pits are very conveniently located near the Fields.

Pit Area: Please stay within the boundaries of your pit and be kind to your neighbors. If you have large banners, displays, or posters, we can find a space somewhere else in the arena for these items.

The Pit Areas should stay clear of obstructions to traffic and NO Team networks are allowed in the Pit. We ask that you use a tether connection when troubleshooting your bot in the Pits.

Queuing: Per usual, Event Team Queuers will remind teams (as needed) to come to the Competition Area in time for matches. However, remember that Queuers are there to assist and the BEST teams queue themselves and don't need to be reminded that their match is coming up.

Top Teams are watching the Matches, then are in the Queuing area and ready to go for their Match. Please assign someone on your team to help to help your team perform like a top team!

Supplies: Be sure to bring a Utility Strip. Safety Glasses, Battery Chargers (marked with Team Number) and spare parts.

Opening Ceremony: We will make some remarks at the start of the first Match but there are no formal Ceremonies, per se, at Meets.

Match Lists: We are often asked "when will Match Lists be available?". They will be handed out ~9:15. The information will be available sooner if all teams are able to pass inspection earlier. 😊

EVENT INFORMATION (continued)

Inspection: Arriving robots report IMMEDIATELY to Inspection. This is always THE pacing element in starting the competition on time. Please help.

Judging: We will have Awards Judging taking place during this Meet. It is our intent to have a pair Technical Judges (Innovate, Design, Control) and a pair on Non-Technical Judges (Connect, Motivate) visit your team in the Pits and watch them throughout the day.

Judged Award certificates will be handed out at the short Closing Ceremony. Aside from the Meet Certificate, this is continuing great practice for these same award categories that teams will face at qualifiers and championship tournaments.

Robot Marking: Remember to have your team numbers on the robot in large size, per spec. That sometimes does not happen early in the season. So too, make sure that your robot accommodates the mounting of the Alliance Flag. Flag damage has been a problem for some at earlier Meets.

Food: Our host is once again providing a nice selection of assorted offerings for lunch. Please remind team members to bring pocket money. There will also be snacks available during the day. Good eats!

If we run into any schedule problem, we may play some matches during lunch. This is not expected to be necessary, though.

Gracious Professionalism: Please act in accordance with the guidelines of Gracious Professionalism. Ungracious behavior directed at referees or event volunteers will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification from the event. Be kind to your referees, fellow teams, our venue...

FIRST AID: Please go to the Pit Administration table for basic First Aid Supplies. Please alert the event organizers if more involved care is required.

PIT SAFETY: Safety expectations and rules at this Meet are the same as for all FIRST events. Please refer to the FIRST manual for those standards.

GENERAL CONDUCT: Participants are expected to behave with Gracious Professionalism at all times. Unruly actions which create safety concerns may result in warnings or ejection from the site at the discretion of the organizers.



Competition Schedule

7:00 - 7:30		Arrival Time for Start-Up Volunteers
7:30 AM		All Volunteers On Site Early Arriving Teams
8:00 AM		Team Registration and Inspection Stations Fully Open
8:00 - 9:30		Mechanical & Software Inspection
9:15 AM		Drivers Meeting
9:30 AM		Match List Available
9:45 AM		Start Qualifying Matches (18 Teams: 5 Matches Each) <u>23 Matches to be Played</u> [8 Minute Cycle Time]
		15 Matches accomplished before Lunch
12:00 PM		Lunch Break
12:30 PM		Resume and Compete Last 8 Matches
1:30 AM		Alliance Selections
2:30		Start SEMI-FINALS 6 Matches Used to Yield 2 Alliances from 4 [48 Minutes]
3:15		Start FINALS 3 Matches Used to Yield the Winning Alliance [24 Minutes]
3:45		Complete FINALS (2 Alliances - One Winning, One Finalist)
4:00		Closing Ceremonies
		Event Over - Tear Down

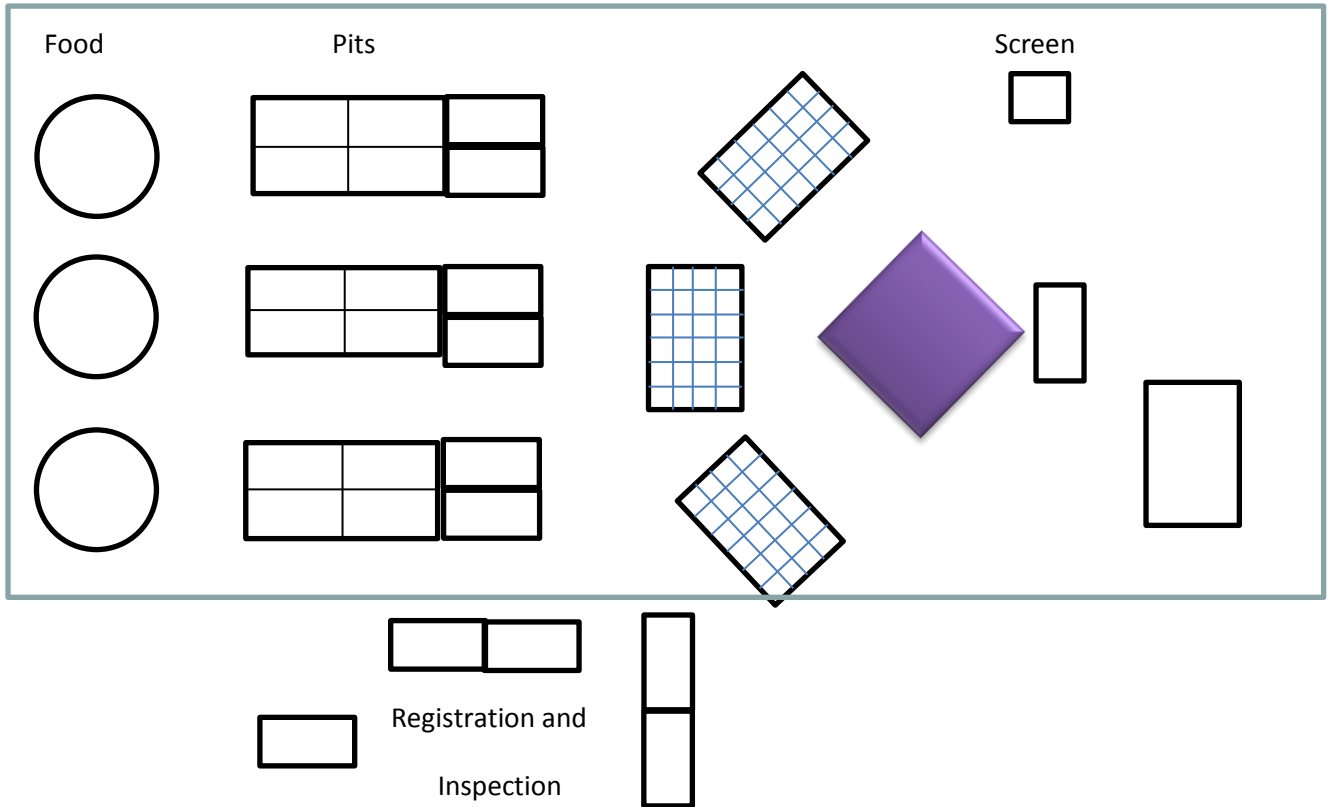


Field of Teams

Team Number	Team Name	School or Organization
110	Foxes	Moorestown Friends School
237	Hawks	Moorestown Friends School
3724	PCTI Bulldogs	Passaic County Technical Institute
4390	Typhoons	Storm Robotics - Lenape and Cherokee High Schools
4787	HP RAMs	Highland Park
5570	STEM Cyborgs	Leap Academy
6082	Alt F4	Neptune High School
6224	Domo Inferno	Urban Promise Academy
6337	Metal Marauders	Independent
6508	Radioactive Raiders	North Brunswick HS
6613	Robo Y.A.L.E.	Y.A.L.E. School Inc.
6660	STEM Tronix	Leap Academy
6934	The Tran-Sisters	Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore
7071	EngiNerds	South Jersey Robotics
7433	Cyclones	Storm Robotics - Lenape and Cherokee High Schools
7556	Inner City Circuits	Safe Passage CTC
7740	Primus Pilus	Freehold

Supplemental Information

Approximate Layout



Local Areas of Interest

Jersey Shore Premium Outlets

1 Premium Outlet Blvd, Tinton Falls, NJ 5.4 mi E

(732) 918-1700 () · premiumoutlets.com

Freehold Raceway Mall

3710 Route 9, Freehold, NJ 6.4 mi NW

(732) 577-1144 () · freeholdracewaymall.com