Information Packet

Holiday Meet @ Englewood



December 1, 2013

Welcome to HOLIDAY MEET, hosted by Team 4328 in Englewood NJ

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Directions

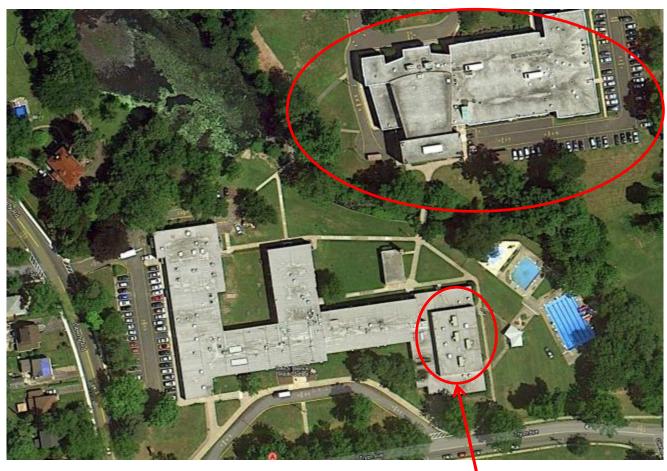
Dwight Morrow/Academies @Englewood HS Venue:

> 274 Knickerbocker Rd Englewood, NJ 07631

Pull in the entrance next to the bus stop; pass the gym to park. This entrance is between Bilmar PI and Tryon Ave off Knickerbocker.

- Team Arrival Time, 7:30 8:00
- The high school and the middle school are next to each other. See diagram





Middle School (Last Year's Tune Up Scrimmage)

Schedule Information

7:00 - 7:30	Arrival Time for Start-Up Volunteers		
	All Volunteers On Site		
7:30 AM	Early Arriving Teams		
	Team Registration and		
8:00 AM	Inspection Stations Fully Open		
8:00 - 9:30	Mechanical & Software Inspection		
9:15 AM	Drivers Meeting		
9:30 AM	Match List Available		
	Start Qualifying Matches		
	(24 Teams: 5 Matches Each)		
9:45 AM	Thirty Matches to be Played [8 Minute Cycle Time]		
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	17 Matches accomplished before Lunch		
12:00 PM	Lunch Break		
12:30 PM	Start Final 13 Qualification Matches		
2:15 PM	Qualifying Matches Over		
	Alliance Selection		
	Start SEMI-FINALS		
2,20 DM	6 Matches Used to Yield 2 Alliances from 4		
2:30 PM	[48 Minutes]		
	Start FINALS		
2.45 DM	3 Matches Used to Yield the Winning Alliance		
3:15 PM	[24 Minutes]		
0.45 DM	Complete FINALS		
3:45 PM	(2 Alliances - One Winning, One Finalist)		
4:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies		
4:15 PM	Tear Down / Event Complete		

EVENT INFORMATION

- Arrival: All teams are asked to show up on time and report to Team Registration immediately upon arrival. Only two representatives should report to Team Registration. The rest of the team should go directly to the Pits ...and prepare for Inspection and possible Practice Matches.
- <u>Late Arrival</u>: Call 862-432-1526 if you are going to be late. <u>The match schedule will be made final at 9:30 AM</u>. You must pass Inspection by then.
- <u>Inspection</u>: Bring your robot to Inspection <u>immediately</u> upon arrival. Robots must pass inspection before they can participate on the Practice Field.
- Overall Schedule: The day's timing will be in keeping with most competitions this year. Teams are asked to arrive by 8am and the day ends around 4:15.
- What to Bring: SAFETY GLASSES for your participants is a top priority. We will expect
 teams to wear this important safety item. Also, remember to bring a multi-outlet utility strip
 to assure that you can bring power to a convenient spot on your Pit table.
 - As usual, it is also good to bring spare batteries and other critical parts, as well as
 a battery charger. It is always smart to mark you materials with your team number
 so that they don't get mixed with those of another team.
- <u>Competition Area</u>: Signage at the school will direct your team to the Competition Area and to the Pit Area, adjacent to it.
 - When queued for a match, please report to the Queuing Area near the fields. We expect to have a table there, where your robot can be set. From there, a Queuer will take your Drive Team to the playing field at the appropriate time.
 - In order to finish on schedule, including <u>5 qualification matches for all teams AND involving ALL teams in the Elimination Matches</u>, it is important that the direction of Queuing be followed efficiently. If, for any reason, your robot is not ready when queued, a team must send a representative.
- <u>Pit Area</u>: Your team number will be affixed to the table that has been assigned to you. Space is limited in the 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 sight lines to the field. If you are having an issue with your pit, please see an event manager or crew member for immediate assistance.
 - The Hardware Inspection Area and Practice Field will be within the Pits.
 - The Software Inspection, Software Verification Demo Area and HELP Table near the Competition Fields.

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- Alliance Selection: Since this is a Meet, it is the morning Qualification Matches only
 that pertain toward possible advancement to the state championship via the QP/RP's
 earned. The afternoon's Elimination Matches are just for fun, for bragging rights and
 for the experience of getting into Elimination Matches.
 - We will be forming 3-team Alliances and will determine, based on how we are
 doing with the day's schedule whether we will have more than the traditional
 four for an event of this size. Again, we'd like as many teams as possible to
 experience Elimination Matches, ...so let's move efficiently through Inspection
 in the morning and there may be time for extra Alliance and Quarter Finals.
- Alliance Rules: Several teams have asked if "NJ Scrimmage Rules" apply (i.e.,
 Alliance Captains cannot pick amongst themselves). The answer is YES. Since the
 Elimination Matches do not influence Advancement, Alliance Captains my not pick
 amongst themselves. This will provide more balanced competition and some
 mentoring of the teams that are less strong. Let's help all to grow.
- Judging: It's hoped to include Meet Judging at the event. Meet Judging is a little less formal and uses a ScoreCard and Pit Interviews to supplement Room Interviews in making Award Certificate selections. We recognize that this is a holiday weekend and staffing Judges may be difficult. Your team should be prepared for possible Judged Award inclusion. The Holiday Meet will have it, if the volunteer staffing is available.
- Gracious Professionalism: Fun is the rule for the day. 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, and help them as needed.
- <u>Safety</u>: All team members and their guests are expected to behave in a safe manner and obey all safety rules. Individuals not acting safely will be asked to leave the event premises. Please notify an Event Crew member if you have any safety issues or concerns. Please report any illness or injuries to the Pit Administration table or event organizers.
- Volunteers: As is our usual practice, we may be asking each team if they can provide
 the names of students who can volunteer to help out during the day. Field Reset is the
 most likely assignment, if needed. (We understand that some teams with less than six
 members may not be able to supply a volunteer. No problem.)
- <u>Food</u>: The event will have food available for purchase during the day and at lunch time, of course. Reasonable pricing is assured. Please have team members bring some pocket money. The plan is to send out for pizza at lunchtime, similar to last year's event at Englewood...which worked fine.

FTC Teams confirmed for the

1st Annual HOLIDAY MEET

Team		School or	
Number	Team Name	Organization	Key Contact
147	Montclair Momentum	Montclair High	Michael Barouch
207	Critical Mass	Dwight Englewood School	Marco Pagnotta
251	Mechaloldons	Cliffside Park HS	Martin Carcich
3415	Livingston Lancers	Livingston	James Novotny
3567	Fear the Gear	Chatham High School	Natalie Macri
3983	Highlands Robotics	Northern Highlands	Adam Brunner
4102	Columbia Cougars	Columbia HS	Allan Tumolillo
4220	Landroids	LRC	Pearl Hwang
4248	Onions	Unaffilated	Christina McRae
		Dwight Morrow/	
4328	C'est la Vie	Academies@Englewood	Randy Sherry
4347	NanoGurus	NanoGurus Robotics	Shikha Saxena
5212	Megahertz	Cliffside Park HS	Martin Carcich
5332	Cougar Current	Columbia HS	Allan Tumolillo
		Bergen Arts and Science	Orhan Edipon
5406	Optimus Bees	Charter School	/Edin Bilali
		Essex County Vo-Tech	
5573	RoboCougars	N. 13th St. Tech	Amir Ressaissi
5717	Gear UP!	NJIT Consortium	Gerry Kollath
6719	PioTech	Pioneer Academy	Ismail Dede
6936	CodeRunners	Golda Och Academy	Arco Jeng
7005	Highlands Robotics	Northern Highlands	Adam Brunner
		Royal Challengers Robotics	
7213	Matrix	Club	Khaja Mohideen
7251	Comets	Hackensack High School	Tania Feliz
		Plainfield Academy for the Arts	
7414	PAAAS	and Advanced Studies	Daniel Gold
7959	Cougar Cubs	Columbia HS	Allan Tumolillo
7990	Gearheads	NJIT Consortium	Gerry Kollath
7994	High Tech High School	High Tech High School	Alba Nery Simon