

Information Packet - January 24th

1st Annual

“CLIFFSIDE CLIFFHANGER”

Afternoon Meet



Location:
Cliffside Park High School
64 Riverview Ave
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

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- **Thanks for signing up to join us at this New Jersey FTC Afternoon Meet. We welcome Cliffside Park High School to the growing number of hosts of official NJ FTC competitions.**
- **Special thanks to the Administration of Cliffside Park HS, to Marty Carcich and Dave Rappaport, and to the supporters of FTC Team #251 and #5212 for their help in pulling together this event.**
- **We’d also like to thank all of our volunteers and all of our teams who are helping us on January 24th and who have been with us throughout this long, but exciting, season.**

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Team Arrival: As close to 4pm, as possible

Early Arrival: Teams admitted at 3:30 for head-start processing

Registration & Inspection Starts: 4:00 – 4:15pm

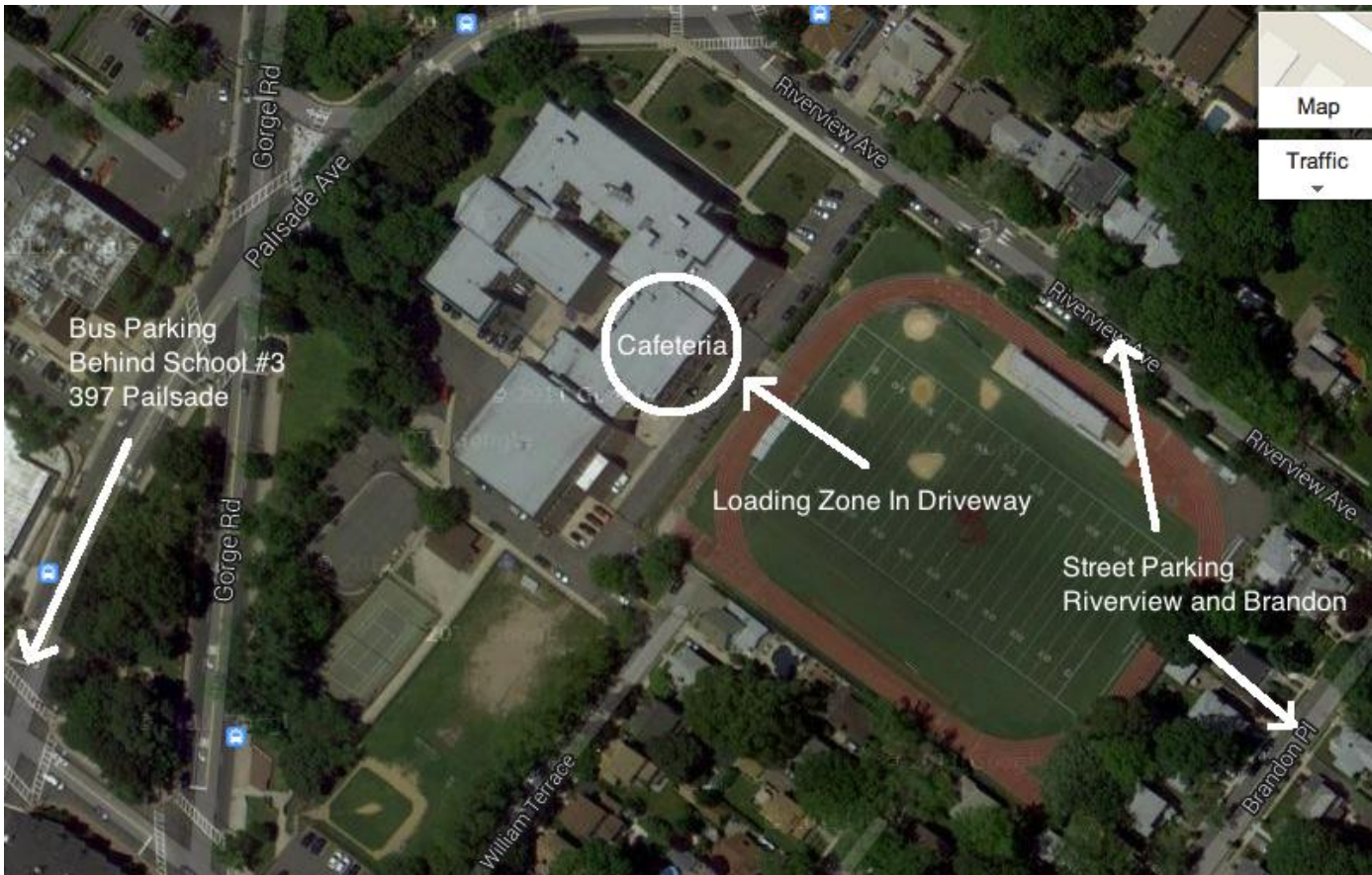
Matches Start: Approximately 5:00pm

Event Completes: 7:30 - 7:45pm

Cliffside Park High School Information

Click on the URL, below, for the High School website and follow the links to directions

Website: www.cliffsidepark.edu



Once students and materials are dropped off at the side entrance of the school, street parking is available as shown above.

While the parking may not be as convenient as other venues, the load directly into the cafeteria event area is much better than many. It should be easy to bring your team and materials in side.

Additional parking is available behind School #3, as shown above. This can also be used by schools who are bringing buses. We are expecting three schools to arrive via bus. If you have not advised us yet, and are coming by bus, please advise as soon as possible.

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 4pm. We are looking to our teams to arrive as close to 4pm as possible. We must process teams through inspection and flashing of Samantha in time for a prompt start of matches.

Early Check In: If your team can arrive as early as 3:30, we will admit teams, get them registered, through inspection, flashed to the Meet router, etc. Since ~14 teams are participating, any early start helps meet our completion schedule.

Meet Area: The full competition will be held in the school cafeteria. This places the Pits conveniently close to the Playing Field.

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.

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 Ceremonies, per se, at an Afternoon Meet.

Match Lists: We are often asked "when will Match Lists be available?". They will be handed out ~4:30. The information will be available sooner if all teams are able to pass inspection earlier, and help them as needed.

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 may well have some Awards Judging taking place during this Meet. Piloted successfully last season is a Judging Scorecard and Pit Interview approach to expedite the Judging process during these short Meets. No plaques are presented at Afternoon Meets, however we will have Certificates and convey useful feedback to teams. Expect a Pit Interview.

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. This has been a problem for some at earlier Meets!

Food: We realize that most students may have not eaten before this competition. Our host will take a final food order at Check-In time and will bring in pizza. We will pause at 6pm so that our volunteers can eat.

Teams are asked to obtain their pizza after the volunteers and to help us to resume matches promptly after ~15 minutes (Team members can always eat when not competing. Volunteers need to stay on the job.)

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 and volunteers 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.

"Cliffside Cliffhanger"

3:00 - 3:30		Arrival Time for Start-Up Volunteers
3:30 PM		All Volunteers On Site Early Arriving Teams
4:00 PM		Team Registration and Inspection Stations Fully Open
4:00 - 5:00		Mechanical & Software Inspection
4:15 PM		Drivers Meeting
4:30 PM		Match List Available
4:30 PM		Early Match Start = 30 Minute Food Break and 7:30 Finish
4:45 PM		Qualifying Matches (~14 Teams: 5 Matches Each) <u>Eighteen Matches to be Played</u> [7 Minute Cycle Time]
		10 Matches accomplished before Break
6:00 PM		Food Arrives - Volunteers Break
		Food Available for Teams to Pick Up
6:30 PM		Final 8 Qualification Matches
7:30 PM		Matches Over
7:45 PM		Standings Hand-Out Awards Certificates Teams Departed



Teams Registered for the

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Team Number	Team Name	School or Organization	Key Contact
251	Cliffside Park HS	Cliffside Park HS	Marty Carich
4086	ORC	Oratory	Ted Dore
4215	Hypnotic Robotics	River Dell H.S.	Ed Houston
4220	Landroids	Livingston Robotics Club	John Yeh
5212	Cliffside Park HS	Cliffside Park HS	Marty Carich
5354	ORC	Oratory	Ted Dore
6979	CyberSharks	River Dell H.S.	Ed Houston
6980	Bad Wolf	River Dell H.S.	Ed Houston
7251	Comets	Hackensack High School	Tania Feliz
7311	Terrier Byte Bots	Essex County Vocational Schools	Robert Lorenzo
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7414	PAAAS	Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies	Daniel Gold
7959	Cougar Cubs	Columbia HS	Allan Tumolillo

Layout Map for the

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