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THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU GET TO ST. LOU!

- Mark Your Items!** Make sure your team number is marked on everything!
- Bring Comfortable Shoes!** (closed toe shoes only!)
Bring several pairs of shoes and alternate wearing them of different days; it makes a big difference!
- Bring Chairs!**
Chairs will not be provided to FTC pits; bring small stools or portable chairs if you want to sit down in the pits.
- Bring safety glasses** for your team and guests/friends/family.
Safety glasses MUST be worn at all times in the dome and pit, non-reflective only. You will need to be wearing them before you are allowed access
- Bring any **State Championship Inspire Banners** you have, and display them in your pits.
- Is your robot flying?** FIRST has provided a letter to help you get through TSA. It can be found at:
http://www.usfirst.org/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/Robotics_Programs/FTC/FTC_Documents/Robot_Airport_Letter.pdf
- The venue is offering **Participants Lunch Service** Thursday thru Saturday from 11am-2pm.
Meals need to be preordered (by April 20th) and will be handled via lunch bracelets. Bracelets are color coded to the box lunch or meal choices. Pre-ordered meal choice is final.
- Check out optional activities:**
 - Thursday, April 25, 2013 8:00 PM-12:00 AM: RoboProm 2013**
*Hosted by FRC Team 399 Eagle Robotics
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch RoboProm Grand Ballroom
Pre-Sale Pricing until 4/18: \$17/Ticket
At the Door: \$20/ Ticket
Order Tickets at: <http://www.team399.org/roboprom-2013/>*
 - Friday, April 26th, 7:15 PM: “FIRST Night at the Ballpark”**
*Discount tickets are available to see the St. Louis Cardinals play the Pittsburgh Pirates. Discounted tickets are just \$19 and include a hot dog and soda voucher!
Order tickets at: <http://www.cardinals.com/firstchampionship>*
 - All Week: DaVinci Machines Exhibition**
*At the Bank of America Plaza Building, The DaVinci Machines Exhibition is on loan from Florence, Italy, and contains over 60 hand-crafted inventions, many of them interactive. The DaVinci Exhibition has generously offered reduced ticket pricing for all FIRST Championship attendees. Tickets for the week for all ages will be priced at \$7.00.
Order tickets at: <http://discoverdavinci.com/first-robotics-competition-tickets/>*



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MAKE SURE YOU TAKE IN THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS EXPERIENCE!!!!

- Your Pit is your Home for the next 4 days**
....settle in and decorate!!!
- Watch the Pit Admin Board** for special announcements and fun events!
- Pit Admin is here to help you** – any questions or comments, come see us!!!!
- Visit the Sponsor Booths:**
A quote from a previous Championship Team:
“If they are interested enough to spend a day manning a booth at an event, they are probably worth talking to, even if there is not an obvious robotic connection. One of our teams earned a sizable sponsor grant last year by participating in a game at their booth at the World Event in St. Louis.”
- Visit the FIRST Store** – they offer lots of cool items to celebrate your trip to the St. Louis Championship!
- Visit Scholarship Row**
Scholarship Row at the *FIRST* Championship is a place for students, parents, and mentors to talk with representatives from some of the colleges, universities, and organizations that offer *FIRST* Scholarships.
Scholarship Row will be open to the public as follows:
Thursday, April 25th: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Friday, April 26th : 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Saturday, April 27th : closed
- Listen carefully to announcements:** we try to keep them to a minimum so they are IMPORTANT when you hear them. All FTC announcements will be prefaced with “Attention FTC Pits”
- Practice Fields** are sometimes crowded; please be gracious and sign up with the attendants for practice matches, so that all teams are able to make use of the practice fields.
- Lost and Found** is located at Pit Administration



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WEDNESDAY'S CHECKLIST:

Pits and Team Registration open at 12:00 Noon

Please **arrive on time** – we have a very tight schedule in order to get all 128 teams through Judging and Inspection Wednesday night.

- When you arrive, one adult coach or mentor should report to **Pit Administration** with the following:
 - A printed Student roster from STIMS AND hard copy Consent forms if needed
 - FIRST Media Release / Info Form
http://www.usfirst.org/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/Robotics_Programs/FIRST_Championship/Team_Profile_for_FIRST_Media_Release.pdf
 - Engineering Notebook will NOT be collected at check-in
Teams should take their Engineering Notebook to Judging with them.
*Your BOM should be included in your Engineering Notebook
Make sure your team number is accurate and appears on the front of the Notebook!*
- Pick up AND READ your team packet – it contains your **drivers buttons** and necessary information for the event.

1:00 PM – 6:30 PM Judging and Robot Inspections

- Your **Judged Interview** time was pre-assigned – check your schedule CAREFULLY and please report to Judge Queuing 10 minutes ahead of your scheduled time.
- Your **HW and SW Inspection** times were pre-assigned - check these times CAREFULLY and prepare to report at your scheduled times.
A copy of BOM should go with your robot to HW Inspection.

Pre-Ordered Meal Bracelets can be picked up in the at the entry of Hall 1 between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Have at least one of your drive team **walk the Queuing Path** so that you know the correct route to and from the field before the Qualification Matches start.

Match Lists will be handed out before the pits close.....one copy will be delivered to each pit.

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Opening Ceremony in America's Ball Room

Please be gracious and attend; this is your chance to show appreciation for speakers, sponsors, and teams. These events enhance the meaning of *FIRST*.

Pits Close at 9:00 PM

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THURSDAY’S CHECKLIST:

- Pits and Team Registration open at 7:00 AM**
Please **arrive on time** – we have a very full day, and need your help to stay on schedule!
- Please check your match schedule CAREFULLY - **the first 3 matches should be queued before Drivers Meeting.**
 - Remember - **Match Lists** were distributed at the end of the day on Wednesday; one copy was delivered to each pit.
 - It is a smart practice to find and highlight every match you are scheduled to compete in, and designate one member of your team as responsible for making sure you know when your next match will occur.
- 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM Drivers Meeting**
in the Edward Jones Dome - many important topics for the event will be covered there.
- Pre-Ordered Meal Bracelets** can be picked up in the at the entry of Hall 1 between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
- 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Conference Workshops**
- Check the Pit Admin boards frequently** – important news and fun facts will be posted there during the day.
- 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Scholarship Row, Suppliers Showcase, Sponsor & Alliance exhibits open**
- 6:45 PM Pits Close**
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FRIDAY’S CHECKLIST:

- Pits and Team Registration open at 7:00 AM**
Please **arrive on time** – we have a very full day, and need your help to stay on schedule!
- 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM: FIRST Championship Welcome & FRC Opening Ceremonies**
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Jr. FLL Expo Hosted by FTC** at FTC Competition Fields
- Please check your match schedule CAREFULLY - **the first 3 matches should be queued before Qualification Matches resume at 10:45 am.**
- Check the Pit Admin boards frequently** – important news and fun facts will be posted there during the day.
- Alliance Selection** is scheduled for **3:45 PM** on the competition fields; please make sure you have a representative for your team there!
- Engineering Notebooks** will be returned around noon on Friday. Please check with Pit Admin if you have not received your book by the end of the day.
- Visit the FIRST Store** and check out the cool merchandise (go early – it will be crowded on the last day!)
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Scholarship Row, Suppliers Showcase, Sponsor & Alliance exhibits open**
- 5:00 PM Pits Close**
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SATURDAY’S CHECKLIST:

- Pits and Team Registration open at 7:00 AM**
Please arrive on time – we have a very full day, and need your help to stay on schedule!
- Please check your match schedule CAREFULLY - **the first 3 matches should be queued before Elimination Matches begin at 7:30 AM.**
- Teams are expected to attend the **Awards, and Closing Ceremonies** to show appreciation for speakers, sponsors, and teams. These events enhance the meaning of *FIRST*.
- Check the Pit Admin boards frequently** – important news and fun facts will be posted there during the day.
- Please plan on **packing up your pit** immediately after Final Matches, and before Closing Ceremonies.
- 12:30 pm Pits Close**
Please pack up and leave on time; Our volunteers cannot leave until you do!
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Sponsor & Alliance exhibits open**
- 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM FTC Closing Ceremonies**
- 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM FIRST Championship Closing Ceremonies**
- 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM FIRST Finale “FIRST Night Under the Stars” at St. Louis Science Center**