2014 – 2015 New Student Team Member Application

Due Friday May 30, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS: Read each section. Be sure to complete all of the requirements per section (incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered).

DATES TO SCHEDULE:

- **All applications are due Friday, May 30, 2014, by 3:00 p.m.**
- The 2014-2014 Truck Town Thunder applicants will have **interviews the following Month of June, we will contact you with an interview time after turning in the application.**
- To look at the team schedule and upcoming events, go to: http://trucktownthunder.com/

PROFILE OF A TRUCK TOWN THUNDER STUDENT: (Please Read)

1. **Team player with a positive attitude** (this is about being on a team)!
2. **Highly self-motivated**
3. **Hard-working** (without ***ever*** being asked).
4. **Willing to learn and be open to new ideas** (and be able to handle constructive criticism).
5. **Willing to sacrifice other activities for Truck Town Thunder** (Saturdays, sports, social events, dates! and possibly jobs).
6. **Willing to commit an extensive amount of time to the program–including:**
    - At least 15 hours of individual community outreach
    - Meetings, demonstrations and presentations as scheduled
    - Support Truck Town Thunder Fundraisers
        - Summer Lego Camps
        - Adopt – A – Road Cleanup
        - Returnable can drives, pizza sales, scrap drives or bake sales
        - Relay For Life Fundraiser (If the team participates)
        - Brandon and Holly Homecoming Parades
        - Turkey Legs
        - Phantom Fireworks
    - FIRST Lego League mentorship
    - Any organized Team activity (including Leadership Overnight
    - Emergency meetings when needed
7. **Commitment to punctuality and good attendance** (absences and tardiness may result in no travel and possible dismissal from the team).
8. **Academic responsibility** (students are expected to keep *all* their grades above 75% - grades below 75% will result in no build, no travel, academic ineligibility and possible dismissal from the team),
9. **Willing to exhibit spirit for the team** (may include a little face paint or tatoos but most definately cheering for your teammates and our successes).
10. **Exhibit *Gracious Professionalism* representing Truck Town Thunder Robotics in tranforming the world with teamwork and traction.**

Team Student/Parent Information

- Selection of team will be done in the following format:
  - Student must *complete* official application with required information.
  - Application must be turned in by May 30, 2014 by 3:00 pm.
  - Team Advisors and teachers will review and evaluate the applications.
  - Consideration for selection will be based on student essay, parent questionnaire, student evaluation (interview), interest in math and science, special skills, attitude, behavior, ability to work with others and attendance patterns (not necessarily in this order).

- All Team sponsored events will be required for all team members (unless students are notified otherwise).

- Outside of personal dues, students are expected to assist with team fundraising, fulfilling at least the minimum expectation.

- Attendance will be taken at all events/meetings. Excessive absences or tardies may result in dismissal from the team or limited travel with the team.

- Attendance at the Brandon Expo (Jr. FLL Event) and all registered Truck Town Thunder FIRST Competitions are mandatory.

- All students will follow the directives of the advisors/mentors/teachers at all times. Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with advisors/mentors/teachers.

- New team members will be on a probationary period through the first tournament. This is a trial period for the student and the team.

- Students must maintain "passing" grades (C or above) in order to travel and/or participate with the team ("passing" meaning no Incompletes or failures).

- Students may be removed from the team by a vote of the advisors for lack of participation or behavior that is not appropriate.

- During competition students will follow Team Code of Conduct for behavior and all procedures as required by the Team Code of Conduct. Violation will result in discipline measures as decided by the advisors/teachers. If at a distant site, the student may be sent home at the expense of the parents.

- Any team member receiving a referral or suspension from school may be subject to a review for possible dismissal from the team.

- All Student team members are required to pay a non-refundable regristration fee of $200 which will assist in paying for the team's 2014-2014 FIRST competition fees. $200 is due at the first Full Team Meeting in September. See Mr. Spiece for payment arrangments or assistance if hardships or extreme conditions exist. There are NO refunds.

- Transportation for after school activities <u>MUST</u> be provided by a parent. The staff <u>CANNOT</u> provide transportation per Brandon High School guidelines. District, Regional and National event transportation will be arranged by the team. Students are encouraged to arrange car pools as much as possible.

Truck Town Thunder Student Application Checklist – YOU KEEP THIS

Due Friday, May 30, 2014, by 3:00 p.m.

What is to be turned in by Friday, May 30, 2014 :

- Applicant Section
  - ☐ *Resume attached* – include your FIRST, FLL, or any engineering/technology experiences
  - ☐ *Written Component (including):*
    - *Which portion of the team you are interested in*
    - *What skills you will bring to the team*
    - *How your involvement will benefit the team*
    - *Why you want to be involved*
    - *How your involvement will benefit you*
  - ☐ *Signed and date Applicant Section*.
  - ☐ *Teacher Recommendation Form*
  - ☐ *Grade Check Form*
  - ☐ *General Recommendation Form*

- Parent Section
  - ☐ Completed
  - ☐ Signed and dated

What Applicant keeps:

- ❑ Truck Town Thunder Student Application
  - ❑ Profile (page 1)

- ❑ Truck Town Thunder Student/ParentInformation form (page 2)

Interviews:

- ❑ **Interviews will be held the week of June 3-8, 2013. We will schedule you for your interview when you turn in the application.** *If there is no way that you can attend the interview, please put it in writing (with your availability) and attach to your application.*

Questions?

- ❑ To learn more about Truck Town Thunder, go to http://trucktownthunder.com/
- ❑ Or contact Mr. Spiece via e-mail at aspiece@brandon.k12.mi.us

Calendar of Events:

- ☐ To see the upcoming events, or go back and look at past schedules, go to: http://www.trucktownthunder.com/team-calendar.html

Applicant Section:

GENERAL INFORMATION – please print clearly

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Grade _____ GPA: _____

Home Phone _____ email address: _____

Please fill out *all* of the following sections (check off as you complete).

- ❑ **Attach a one page resume** (it may be small but it is required), *look for templates online for help.*☺
- ❑ **Attach a TYPED** 100-200 word essay stating:
  - ❑ Which portion of the tam you are interested in
  - ❑ What skills you will bring to the team
  - ❑ How your involvement will benefit the team
  - ❑ How your involvement will benefit you
  - ❑ Why you want to be involved
- ❑ **Read and sign the following:**
  - ❑ **If selected for Truck Town Thunder, I am primarily interested in:**
    - ❑ Robot build (check here if you want robot build but have not specified where)
    - ❑ Mechanical
    - ❑ Electrical/pneumatic/special electronics
    - ❑ Programming/data
    - ❑ Inventor/design
    - ❑ Special projects
    - ❑ Business, Communications & Management (check here if you want to be in business but have not specified where)
    - ❑ Awards, Presentations
    - ❑ Website maintenance/development
    - ❑ Media/Photo/video/documentation
    - ❑ Sponsorship, alumni and team communications
      - ❑ General team business
    - ❑ Scouting/Strategy
  - ❑ **If selected for Truck Town Thunder, I understand that I will:**
    - Maintain my grades with all 75% or higher, and will get help if my grades could put me and/or my team in jeopardy.
    - Continue to support team fund raising including: Summer Lego Camp, Turkey Legs, Metal Scrap Drives, provide for Truck Town Thunder Store (by bringing in pop/snacks when it is my turn), etc
    - Attend all TRUCK TOWN THUNDER meetings/presentations/parades/activities (scheduled on website)
    - Support community awareness and outreach (including LEGO Camps, team organized outreach) with at least 15 hours of personal community service
    - Take care of my own transportation to and from school (or meeting place),
    - Submit $200 to cover my registration fee by the first Full Team Meeting in September
    - Execite a personal $200 fundraiser
    - Work to meet and model the "Profile" of the Truck Town Thunder student,
    - Support the project through innovative, open minded and creative thinking.

❑ **I have read the "Truck Town Thunder Student/ParentInformation sheet" and am willing to commit to this program:**

Student Signature _____date: _____

Parent Section:

Of the seven characteristics below, please check the three strongest characteristics of your son/daughter:

_____ Team player
_____ Self-motivated
_____ Hard-working
_____ Open to new ideas
_____ Willing to sacrifice
_____ Punctual
_____ Responsible
_____ Willing to commit the amount of time needed for a big project

Indicate why your son/daughter should be considered for this team. Please include how they may benefit from being on the team this year, and what you think they may bring to the team (you may attach if needed)

Involvement you *could* bring to the team – please select 2 (at least):

- ❑ Team Fundraising coordinator
- ❑ Summer camps assistant/coordinator
- ❑ Turkey Legs assistant/coordinator
- ❑ Adopt-A-Road clean-up assistant/coordinator
- ❑ Relay for Life assistant/coordinator
- ❑ Extra-Life assistant/coordinator
- ❑ White Lake Expo assistant/coordinator
- ❑ Design work on the computer (Inventor)
- ❑ Part fabrication or machining
- ❑ Electrical engineering assistance
- ❑ Mechanical engineering assistance
- ❑ Welding assistance
- ❑ Food/meals coordinator (for the build season)
- ❑ Food/meals coordinator (for the tournaments)
- ❑ Teambuilding/professional development assistant
- ❑ Media coordinator
- ❑ Public Relations coordinator
- ❑ Travel coordinator (including carpool organizer)
- ❑ Website assistance
- ❑ Business assistance
- ❑ Uniforms coordinator
- ❑ Sponsorship assistance
- ❑ Other involvement? Please indicate any other way you may be able to support the team.

Read and sign the following:

❑ I have read the "Truck Town Thunder Student/Parent information sheet".

Parent Signature _____

❑ If my son/daughter is selected for Truck Town Thunder, I understand that I will have the following responsibilities:

- ❑ Transportation to and from school (or meeting place) for my son/daughter.
- ❑ Pay a $200 non-refundable registration fee for my son/daughter on at the first Full Team Meeting in September.
- ❑ Support team fund raising as needed – including:

❑ support son/daughter with Turkey Leg Fundraiser
❑ participate and assist with Little Caesars Pizze Kit Fundraiser
❑ periodic supplying Truck Town Thunder Team Store - ongoing

- ❑ At most, provide two full-team meals (or equivalent) for the team during the season
- ❑ Support my son/daughter and the project as best we can.

❑ I am willing to support my son/daughter and commit to this program:

Parent Signature _____ **email address:** _____

Date: _____ **phone number:** _____

Teacher Recommendation

Due Friday, May 30, 2014

This Recommendation must be completed from a teacher that you have had within the last two years.

Teacher's Name _____ School _____

Student's Name _____

Participation:

1. **How long have you known the student? _____ years.**
2. **Has the student ever participated in any activity, club, or class that you have sponsored? _____**
   If yes, please list the program and the amount of time spent with the student.
3. **What strengths would you feel the student has that would make them an asset to a team or club?**
4. **What weaknesses would you feel the student should work on if they were a member of a team?**
5. **If you were to rate the student's level of participation in most activities on a scale of 1 – 5 (1 being high) how would they rate? _____**
6. **Of the seven characteristics below, please check the three strongest characteristics of your student.**

   ____ Team Player **____ Open to new ideas** **____ Self-motivated**

   ____ Willingness to sacrifice **____ Hard-working** **____ Punctual**

   ____ Inclined to commit the amount of time needed for a big project

Travel:

1. **Have you ever had this student on any *OVERNIGHT* or *OUT-OF-STATE* trips? ____**
   If yes, please describe trip location and duration of the trip.
2. **Have you had any problems with this student on any field trip? _____**
   If yes, please explain.
3. **Why would you recommend this student for the FIRST team?**
4. **Overall, is there anything that you would like to include on behalf of the student prior to the selection?**

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone Number or E-Mail Address_____

General Recommendation:

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This recommendation can be completed by another teacher, business person, church member, mentor or any other adult that is not a relative.

Adult's Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

Student's Name _____

How do you know this student? _____

Participation:

1. **How long have you known the student?** _____ **years.**
2. **Has the student ever participated in any activity, club or class that you have sponsored?** _____
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Adult's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Phone Number _____

Truck Town Thunder Robotics Grade Check

Date:_____ **Student Name:** _____

1st Hour

Class: _____ # of Missing Assignments _____

Comments: _____

Grade: _____ _____

Teacher's Signature _____ _____

2nd Hour

Class: _____ # of Missing Assignments _____

Comments: _____

Grade: _____ _____

Teacher's Signature _____ _____

3rd Hour

Class: _____ # of Missing Assignments _____

Comments: _____

Grade: _____ _____

Teacher's Signature _____ _____

4th Hour

Class: _____ # of Missing Assignments _____

Comments: _____

Grade: _____ _____

Teacher's Signature _____ _____

5th Hour

Class: _____ # of Missing Assignments _____

Comments: _____

Grade: _____ _____

Teacher's Signature _____ _____

6th Hour

Class: _____ # of Missing Assignments _____

Comments: _____

Grade: _____ _____

Teacher's Signature _____ _____

Note: Students are to give this form to their teacher at the beginning of the hour in order to give the teacher enough time to fill it out.