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2015 IN District - Kokomo City of Firsts Event sponsored by AndyMark

Greetings Team,

The team is heading up to Indiana to compete in the 2015 IN District - Kokomo City of Firsts Event sponsored by AndyMark. The team has really worked hard to prepare for the 2014 competition season.

Required Forms (Due on Saturday March 7, 2015)

1. Parent/Mentor Drivers are required to fill out a Brandon School Transportation Form in order to transport students to and from the event. - https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Byl6eoVBZt5gWVg3ZG84cXZFZjQ/view?usp=sharing

Required Forms (Due on or before Tuesday, March 10, 2015):

1. All students (including those over the age of 18) are required to turn in a permission slip in order to attend the event. Valid Parent/Guardian signatures are required; however teacher signatures are NOT necessary on this permission slip.
2. 2015 Emergency Medical Form - https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Byl6eoVBZt5gbTB5emdyQ0FDNEU&authuser=0
3. Transportation by private vehicle permission form - https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Byl6eoVBZt5gMmRFNkZrSjF3a1E/view?usp=sharing
4. Any Student requiring medication (both prescription and non-prescription) during the competition must fill out a medical authorization form and return it to Mr. Spiece on or before departure. DO NOT PACK ANY MEDICINE IN YOUR BAGS. All medication must be delivered to Mr. Spiece in its original container which is enclosed in a zip-seal bag that is clearly labeled with the student's name and dosing instructions. Students may not self-administer **ANY** medication. https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Byl6eoVBZt5geU1rTjRDTmtseVE&authuser=0

Transportation:

1. Event location: Kokomo Memorial Gym 400 E. Superior Street, Kokomo, IN 46901
2. The team will be meeting at Brandon High School to caravan to the event.
3. Students may NOT drive any other student. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
4. Free parking is available at the H. H. Dow High School, and admission is free. (See Parking information below)
5. Please be punctual! Students who are not present at the time of departure will not be traveling with the team and may be held accountable by the disciplinary board.
6. At the end of the event, students should be picked up from Brandon High School at the designated time.

Parking

Waiting to find out.

Safety and Safety Glasses

All team members and guests entering the pit area or playing field must wear approved safety glasses with side-shields, and closed-toed/closed-heel shoes. Teams should provide approved personal protective equipment (PPE) for all members. If there is an incident, make sure to see the safety captain or team advisor in order to take care of it and everyone knows what happened.

Banners and Signs

Banner will be hung by the team on Thursday evening.

Match Schedule

A schedule of Qualification Matches will be provided on the day of the competition. We will do our best to get copies out to spectators.

Behavior Expectations:

1. Students are expected to be on their best behavior while traveling with the Team, and must adhere to the Truck Town Thunder Team Code of Conduct Guidelines. Per this agreement, any behavior or action(s) deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the team (at the discretion of advisory board), will result in the student's immediate dismissal from the competition. The team will not be responsible for transporting the student home; he/she must be picked up by his/her parents. The team will **NOT** cover any cost to send a student home due to inappropriate behavior, and will not refund any costs associated with missed team activities.
2. Parents, friends, family and other guests in attendance are expected to behave in a manner that reflects Gracious Professionalism and represents FIRST Team 68, Brandon and Holly High School, and T3 sponsors in a positive way. Any guests behaving inappropriately may be asked to leave.
3. Each morning as they check-in with Mr. Spiece, students will receive a schedule of Team responsibilities. Each student is responsible for ensuring that he/she is ***on time or early*** to his/her assigned location, and that each of his/her individual assigned tasks are completed.

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4. Students may not go outside/outdoors of the competition venue unless he/she has checked out with Mr. Spiece AND Mrs. Smith, and is accompanied by a team mentor (note: parents of students on the Team are not always considered mentors. Please check with Mr. Spiece and Mrs. Smith).
5. Devices that use headphones, earbuds, etc. will not be allowed in the pit area or on the field, due to safety hazards.
6. Personal and/or valuable items should be left at home during the competition. The team is not responsible for these items, should they be lost or stolen (this applies to the competition site as well as the hotel).
7. Large bags and backpacks should not be brought to the competition site. These items should be left at home or in the hotel room(s).
8. Students should use the "Team Buddy System" at all times. Students not using the "Team Buddy System" will receive one warning from Mr. Spiece and/or Mrs. Smith, and on the second offense the students' parents will be called and the student will be sent home. We have a Zero Tolerance Policy on this. Lights out may be adjusted if team members are having trouble following this policy.
9. Parents wanting to walk around with their student team member during the event need to remember that their child must have another team member with them at all times and in compliance with the "Team Buddy System".
10. **ALL** team members have responsibilities to help the team perform at competitions and students will be expected to be at their assigned post when they are scheduled. Violation of this policy could be detrimental to the team competing.
11. Running is not permitted anywhere inside the event facility. Students who are seen running will receive one warning. Any additional instances of running will cause the student to be placed with a mentor at all times.
12. Students should maintain a professional, respectful relationship among their peers. Inappropriate behavior such as horseplay, unnecessary physical contact, and public displays of affection, cruel or inappropriate comments, inappropriate language and intentionally irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated.

Overnight/Hotel Information:

1. The location at which the Truck Town Thunder Robotics team will be staying overnight is Valley Plaza, 5221 Bay City Rd., Midland, MI 989-496-3710 x 7705
2. Mentors, family and friends wishing to reserve a room may do so at their own expense The Truck Town Thunder Robotics Team will not be responsible for reservations and/or payment of hotel rooms of mentor families and/or friends.
3. When students report to the designated meeting spot for breakfast, he/she should be ready for departure, and should **NOT** plan on returning to his/her room prior to departure for the competition.
4. On Saturday morning, students should be packed and ready for check-out prior to breakfast in the morning. Room checks will be completed prior to breakfast on Saturday. Rooms which are ready for checkout should be clear of all personal belongings, have the bedding piled on beds, all dirty towels placed in the bath tub, and all cabinets/drawers opened. Students should quietly and graciously place his/her bags in the hallway and open their door as a signal that their **ENTIRE** room is ready for check-out.
5. Each room will have two (2) beds, and will have three (3) to four (4) students assigned to it. Students will be responsible for making their own sleeping arrangements. Students should be Gracious Professionals when making arrangements, and should bring any issues to Mr. Spiece or Mrs. Smith.
6. Team members may not enter into the rooms of students of opposite gender at any point during the trip. Should a female and male team member want to spend their free time together, he/she may only do so in public/common areas (such as the hotel lobby during operational hours, hallways, pool area, etc.) while under supervision of a team mentor or assigned chaperone. Students wishing to spend his/her free time in a public/common area must check out with Mr. Spiece AND Mrs. Smith, and gain permission to go to a specific area, ***before*** going to their chosen location.
7. Students may not go outside of the hotel at any point in time, unless he/she checks out with Mr. Spiece AND Mrs. Smith, AND is accompanied by a team mentor/advisor.
8. Students may use the pool under mentor supervision only, during regular pool operating hours. Students should wear appropriate swimming attire, and exude Gracious Behavior at all times. Pool closes at 10pm. Swimming attire should be modest and appropriate. Two-piece bathing suits will not be allowed. Boys should wear swim trunks.
9. All students will be expected to remain in their assigned rooms once the room check is performed at 11:00pm. Any student outside of their assigned room at this time (and any time during the night) will be sent home without a warning (aside from a case of emergency).

Food:

1. Students and mentors should eat breakfast and/or a snack prior to leaving for the competition.
2. Team members are responsible for bringing $10 and an 8 pack of bottled pop, Gatorade or water.
3. Students and mentors are encouraged to bring additional snacks or beverages to be consumed throughout the competition.

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4. All mentors and students should bring enough funds for two dinners at a restaurant. Competition team should also bring funds for the concession stand or fast food stop on Thursday night.

Uniform:

1. **Shirt Schedule: Thursday – 2015 Thursday -Shirt, jeans or khakis, and a belt; Friday – 2015 Orange Competition T-Shirt, jeans or khakis and a belt ; Saturday – 2015 Orange Competition Polo Shirt, Khaki Pants and a belt. Team members are to wear tennis shoes with their uniform**.
2. All Team members and mentors are expected to take the time to look professional. Such as brushing their hair, wearing a belt, etc.
3. Remember that you are representing your team, school, mentors and partners while you are in uniform. Make sure you always behave in a professional manner or you may be asked to go home at the expense of the student.
4. If there is a question as to whether something you are wearing is professional, talk to a team advisor prior to leaving for clarification.

Other Considerations:

1. Students, mentors, parents, and guests are expected to be on their best behavior while with the team, and must adhere to the Truck Town Thunder Code of Conduct at all times. Per these agreements, any behavior or action(s) deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the team (at the discretion of advisors), will result in the student's immediate dismissal from the. The team will not be responsible for transporting the student home; he/she must be picked up by his/her parents. The team will **NOT** cover any cost to send a student home due to inappropriate behavior.
2. While in the pit area, any guest under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. The venue will be equipped with high school gym seating. Please take into consideration any provisions that may need to be made for your personal comfort.

Event/Trip Schedule

Thursday, March 12, 2015
11:00am Leave Brandon High School (Competition Team Only)
3:00pm Team Leaves Brandon High School
????pm Dinner Stop Location: ?????
5:00pm Arrive at Kokomo Memorial Gym (Competition Team Only)
9:00pm Team Arrives at Hotel Location: ???????
10:00pm Leave Kokomo Memorial Gym / Pits close (Competition Team Only)
10:30pm Arrive at Hotel (Competition Team Only)
11:00pm Lights Out

Friday, March 13, 2015
???am Wake up/ Eat breakfast
???am Leave hotel
8:00am Pits open
10:30am Opening ceremonies
11:00am Matches begin
1:00pm Lunch begins
2:00pm Lunch ends matches resume
7:00pm Matches end
8:00pm Pits close
???pm Arrive at ????? and eat dinner: Address and Website
9:30pm Arrive at hotel
11:00pm Lights out

Saturday, March 14, 2015
???am Wake up/ Eat breakfast
???am Leave hotel
8:00am Pits open
9:00am Opening ceremonies
9:30am Matches begin
12:30pm Alliance selections

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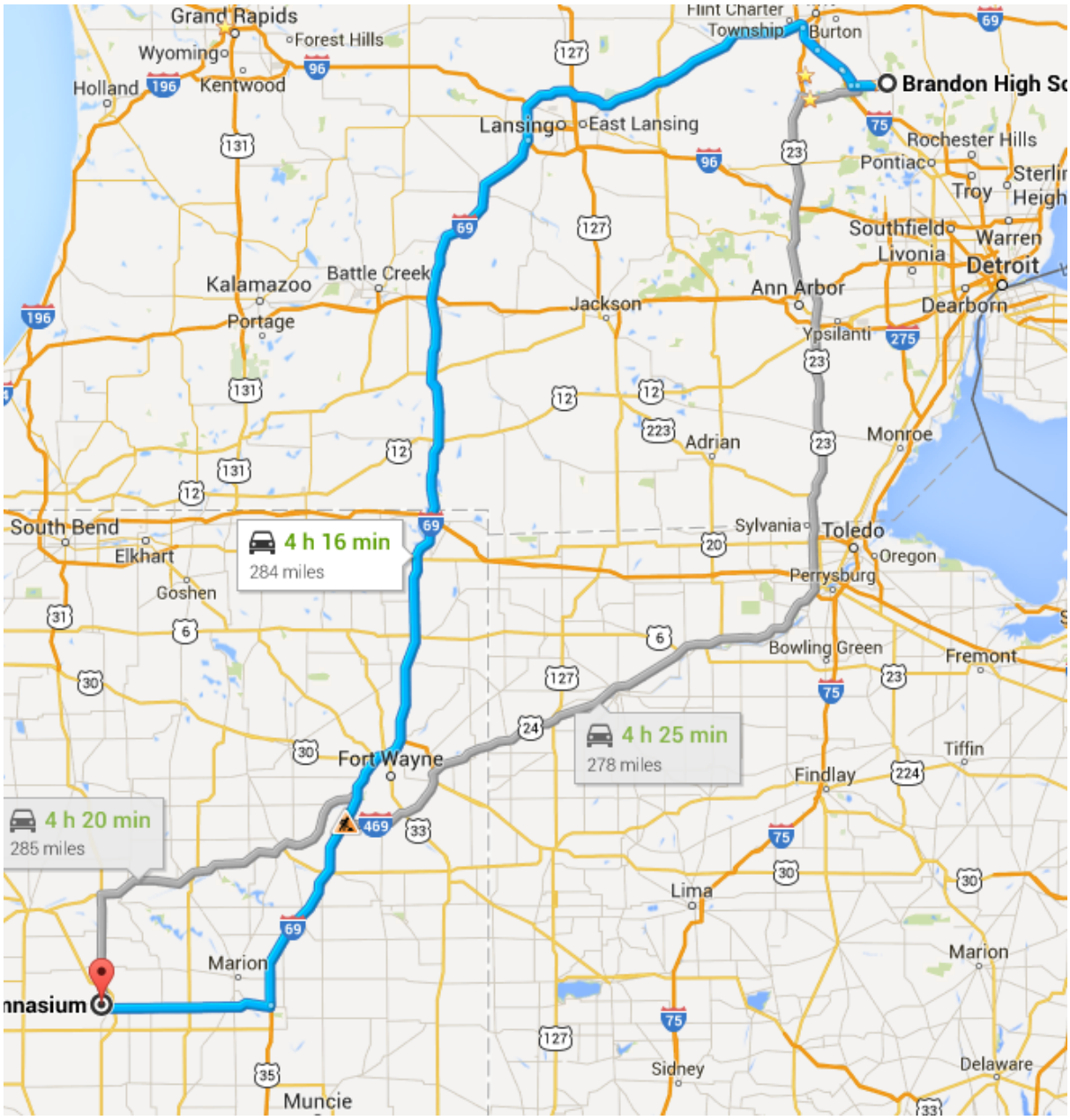
1:00pm Lunch begins
2:00pm Lunch ends/Elimination rounds begin
5:00pm Elimination rounds end
5:00pm Awards
6:00pm Pits close/Leave Event
????pm Arrive a at ??????? and eat dinner: Address and website
????pm Leave Restaurant
12:30 -1am - Arrive At Brandon High School (Approximately)

***Schedule subject to change. All times are estimated based on flow of rounds. See Pit Administration table for updated times.**
Directions from Brandon High School to Kokomo Memorial Gym



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Brandon High School
1025 South Ortonville Road, Ortonville, MI 48462

Get on **I-75 N** in Grand Blanc Township from **Grange Hall Rd** and **Dixie Hwy**

10.0 mi / 14 min

1. Head **west** toward **M-15 N**
   0.4 mi
2. Turn **right** onto **M-15 N**
   0.1 mi
3. Turn **left** onto **Wolfe Rd**
   0.8 mi
4. Turn **left** onto **Grange Hall Rd**
   4.0 mi
5. Continue straight onto **Tripp Rd**
   1.1 mi
6. Turn **right** onto **Dixie Hwy**
   3.1 mi
7. Take the ramp on the **left** onto **I-75 N**
   0.6 mi

Follow **I-69 W** to **IN-22 W/US-35 N** in Grant County. Take exit **259** from **I-69 S**

242 mi / 3 h 22 min

8. Merge onto **I-75 N**
   5.3 mi
9. Keep **left** at the fork to stay on **I-75 N**, follow signs for **Interstate 75/Saginaw**
   4.9 mi
10. Take exit **117A** to merge onto **I-69 W** toward **Lansing**
    60.2 mi
11. Keep **right** at the fork to continue on **I-69 S**, follow signs for **Ft Wayne**
    Entering Indiana
    172 mi
12. Take exit **259** for **US-35 N/IN-22** toward **Gas City/Upland**
    0.3 mi

Follow **IN-22 W** to **E Superior St** in Kokomo

31.4 mi / 40 min

13. Turn **right** onto **IN-22 W/US-35 N**
    Continue to follow IN-22 W
    30.7 mi
14. Turn **right** onto **S Apperson Way**
    0.6 mi
15. Turn **right** onto **E Superior St**
    Destination will be on the right
    253 ft

Memorial Gymnasium
East Superior Street, Kokomo, IN 46901

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Directions from Kokomo Memorial Gym to Hotel

Directions from Kokomo Memorial Gym to AndyMark

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