

FTC Shenandoah Qualifier

- Saturday December 17, 2016 -

Hello, everyone. TWO DOWN! Our Central event went quite well, the Northern event at Battlefield High was amazing, and our Shenandoah FTC event is less than ONE WEEK away! Following is important information regarding the event. This information will also be posted and updated on the Shenandoah event web page (<https://www.firstchesapeake.org/first-programs/ftc/virginia-first-tech-challenge-events/shenandoah-qualifier>).

There is currently a winter weather advisory in effect for the Charlottesville area for this weekend. I had a nice, friendly - but firm - conversation with Mother Nature earlier, and I am certain she will accommodate us and all will be well. We are watching the forecast closely and will post updates on the website as appropriate. If you are uncertain about the day's events you may also call [804.464.8945](tel:804.464.8945) after 5am on Saturday for updates.

Venue:

UVA Slaughter Rec Center
505 Edgemont Rd.
Charlottesville, VA 22903

You may unload your team's robot and equipment directly in front of the Slaughter Rec Center. Once unloaded, you may park:

In the Slaughter Rec Center lot

In the W6 lot (borders buildings 5 and 15 off McCormick Rd, about 60 spaces)

In the E1 lot (north of building 5 off Alderman Rd, about 300 spaces)

The last two lots are within 3 blocks of Slaughter Rec Center.

Schedule:

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Pits open - 7:00 a.m.

***Teams Unload and Check In - 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

***IMPORTANT* - Teams must check in with Pit Administration upon arrival. You will receive your judging time and any last minute updates at that time.**

Team Inspections - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Team Judging - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies: 10:30 a.m.

Qualification Rounds begin - 11:00 a.m.

LUNCH - 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Qualification Rounds resume - 12:45 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies & Awards - 5:00 p.m.

Please plan to stay for the entire event. It is disheartening to teams when the winners are announced in an empty stadium.

Team inspections will begin at 7:00 a.m. and handled on a first come - first served basis.

Team judging begins at 8:00 a.m. Please be prompt. Teams will have a maximum of 10-15 minutes in the judging room. **Judging schedule will be provided at check in.**

Pit size:

The minimum guaranteed "pit" area for FTC is 6'X6'. The tables are 2'X6'. The maximum display height allowed is 7'. Please observe these restrictions when designing your pit displays.

Safety goggles:

Safety goggles are required for all participants anywhere in the competition area (field or pits). Please be sure everyone on your team has safety goggles.

Consent and Release forms:

Please print your official team roster and give it to Pit Administration at check-in. All participants (students, coaches, mentors) must have signed Consent and Release forms (both the *FIRST* and Virginia*FIRST* forms) or they will not be allowed in the pits or on the playing field. We encourage you and your students to fill out the Virginia*FIRST* Consent and Release form online https://virginiafirst.formstack.com/forms/virginia_first_consent_and_release before the qualifier.

You may also print Consent and Release forms and attach them to your official team roster. You can download the printable Virginia*FIRST* form at http://www.firstchesapeake.org/images/downloads/2016/VirginiaFIRST_Consent_and_Release.pdf. Blank forms will be available at the event but must be signed a parent or guardian for students under 18 years old.

Lunch:

UVA is very generously providing lunch for all the teams. There will be water provided during the day along with water fountains. **If you have students with special dietary restrictions you should plan accordingly.** UVA will not be able to accommodate for all special dietary needs.

Dinner:

In case cheering on the winning teams was not enough reason to stick around for the closing ceremonies, UVA will also be providing a pizza dinner for everyone! Lots of teams leave with pizzas and eat it on the way home. (Or if we're snowed in, you won't starve!)

Reminder about payment and cancellation:

Payment is due minimum of 48 hours prior to the event. We will do our best to post all payments received by COB Friday. If, however, you send / have sent your payment in this week, please bring your acknowledgement with you as it may not have posted by Saturday.

No shows / late cancellations = no refunds or will be billed. Teams who have qualified for the State Championship and do not show up will forfeit their spot in the Championship event.

All updates will be posted on the Shenandoah [Event web page](#). Check back often.

IMPORTANT NOTE RE: STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

There was a mix up with Meadow Event Park on dates and Virginia Episcopal School kindly agreed to host us. So we have moved the State Championship event to:

Virginia Episcopal School
400 V.E.S. Rd.
Lynchburg, VA 24503

Same date (2/25/17).

Good luck to all of you!

I'll see you on Saturday! (We WILL be there!)

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