



Rocky Mountain BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology)



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Greetings student teams and teachers participating in the 2014 RM BEST robotics competition! This Newsletter will be dedicated to the Kick Off activities on September 6th. As of today our participation list is frozen. The following **32 teams** will be competing Saturday, October 18th. The 33rd team will be able to get the two totes and build a robot, but will only compete if a team drops between Kick Off and the game.

No	2014 School	City	No	2014 School	City
1	Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning	Colorado Springs	17	Manning Middle School	Golden
2	Bear Creek High School	Lakewood	18	Mountain Vista High School	Highlands Ranch
3	Bishop Machebeuf High School	Denver	19	New Vista High School	Boulder
4	Broomfield High School	Broomfield	20	North Middle School	Aurora
5	Chaparral HS	Parker	21	Rangeview High School	Aurora
6	Collegiate Prep Academy	Denver	22	Russell MS	Colorado Springs
7	Cripple Creek-Victor HS	Cripple Creek	23	Skyline High School	Longmont
8	Dakota Ridge High School	Littleton	24	Skyview Middle School	Colorado Springs
9	Denver School of Science and Technology	Denver	25	St. Mary's Academy high school	Englewood
10	Denver South HS	Denver	26	Standley Lake HS	Westminster
11	East High School	Denver	27	STEM Academy	Highland Ranch
12	Gateway High School	Aurora	28	Thomas Jefferson High School	Denver
13	Golden High School	Golden	29	Trinidad Middle School	Trinidad
14	Lakewood High School	Lakewood	30	Warren Tech Central	Lakewood
15	Legend High School	Parker	31	Wheat Ridge HS	Wheat Ridge
16	Lone Star/Otis High School	Otis	32	Woodland Park Middle School	Woodland Park
Game Standby Team			Waiting List		
1	D'Evelyn jr/sr high school	Denver	1	Littleton Preparatory Charter School	Littleton
			2	Valor Christian High School	Highlands Ranch

1. Kick Off will be on **Saturday, September 6th** at Denver South HS located at 1700 East Louisiana Avenue, Denver. Please park on the **West parking lot**.

2. The Kick Off presentation will start promptly at 1 PM. You will need to arrive at 12:00 PM to register. **If you are not at Kick Off before 1PM, unless you have made prior arrangements, you will not be able to participate in the robot competition. The materials allotted to your team will be issued to the next team in the waiting list.**

3. Since you will be issued the materials and electronics **for your robot at Kick Off**, you'll need to bring a vehicle capable of carrying two totes (*Blue Totes: 26 7/8" X 16 7/8" X 12 1/8"; Red Totes: 21 15/16" X 15 3/16" X 9 5/16"*), a 2'x4' plywood sheet and a 5' long PVC tube. We recommend a pick-up or an SUV/van with fold down seats.

4. When you arrive at Denver South High School, park in the large lot on the West side of the school. Walk to the south end of the school and follow the signs to the Gym. Please see attached map.
5. Please have the following attached forms completed, signed, and ready to turn in:
 - a) A signed Consent and Release form for each team member, mentor and teacher;
 - b) A printed list of your team members, mentors, with the team name with order number from Eventbrite; and your contact information;
 - c) A completed Request of Loan of Returnable Kit.
6. Be prepared to sign the bus parking request, if needed.
7. After the Kick Off introduction and revelation of the game (with much fanfare, pomp and circumstance) there will be eight simultaneous training sessions. You will be given TWO tickets for each session. To help you plan who will attend, I am attaching a planning sheet. All of the training presentations will be posted at our web site. We will also provide them in a thumb drive at Kick Off.
8. **Do not forget to obtain your Consumable and Returnable Kit tote boxes and raw materials BEFORE you leave Denver South High School at the conclusion of Kick Off.**
9. We would like to collect testimonials about BEST experiences from students and teachers. We would use the testimonials in presentations and promotions for RM BEST. Please send them to Lois Walton at lwalton@rockymountainbest.org.
10. As a reminder, these are the next following key dates:
 - **Practice Day** will be on Saturday, **October 11th** at Thomas Jefferson HS, 3950 S Holly Street, Denver. Registration 9 AM, Practice 10 AM – 3 PM.
 - **Game Day** will be held on Saturday, **October 18th** at the Auraria Campus Events Center (aka Gym) in Denver. 7:30 AM Registration, Game 9 AM – 5 PM.

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