



# Rocky Mountain BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology)



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Greetings student teams and teachers participating in the 2012 RM BEST robotics competition! This Newsletter will be primarily dedicated to the Practice Day activities October 20<sup>th</sup>.

There are two very important **deadlines** you need to consider:

- 1) The deadline for BEST award registration is **Oct 6, 2012**. Please send an email to Dick Tumlinson at [dicktum51@aol.com](mailto:dicktum51@aol.com). Teams must also contact David Klein to schedule a time slot for their team's Marketing Presentation at 303-556-4133, [kleind@msudenver.edu](mailto:kleind@msudenver.edu).
- 2) Signed student **Consent and Release Form** must be sent to Judy Tumlinson at 5946 East Briarwood Circle, Centennial, CO 80112 by **Oct 13**. A reminder with address was included in your Teacher Kick-off packet. **Any student without a signed form cannot participate in the event.**

Practice Day will be at Denver West High (aka West Generation Academy) 951 Elati Street, Denver, Colorado, 80204. A school map is attached to this letter. Please review the entrance and parking directions. We will follow the following schedule:

9–11 am	Teams check-in; Registration; Robot Check-in & Compliance Check
10-11:30 am	OPEN PRACTICE sessions
11:30 am	Mandatory Driver orientation for drivers, teachers, mentors
11:45 am	Welcome, Introduction of Floor Boss & Head Ref.
12:00 pm	Brief explanation of Warp XX Game & start of PRACTICE MATCHES
3:00 pm	Practice Day ends

Remember to bring these things to Practice Day Registration:

1. Your team's **Project Engineering Notebook** to be submitted at Registration. This is a requirement to compete on Game Day. See 2012 Awards and Judging Policies Part I for additional information about this important topic.
2. The demographics form attached to the Engineering Notebook. You will not need to enter the data at online Robot Events.
3. **Two** copies of your team's driver list including your Team's Name, Number, Teacher's Name, and Number of Students present at this event. See section 4.3 of the Generic Game Rules for additional information about this important topic.
4. Your robot which complies with the Generic Kit Notes, the Generic Game Rules and the 2012 WARP XX Game Rules.

5. Your returnable kit and toolbox for repairs and / or compliance modifications.
6. The completed 2012 Kit Usage Survey form to robot compliance check-in.
7. Safety glasses for soldering and / or drilling.
8. **Charged** batteries (7.2V robot batteries & AAA joystick batteries).
9. Your smiles, because this is going to be FUN!

**PIT AREA:** Your team will be assigned a table in this restricted area. We will provide your team with six pit badges when you check in, so **only six** members of your team will be allowed in at a time to work on your robot.

**CHECK-IN and COMPLIANCE:** Following registration, each robot will be inspected for compliance. Total compliance **is not** required for Practice Day, but will be required to compete on Game Day.

**OPEN PRACTICE:** We have enough 15 minute slots available for each team to practice on the game field in a non-competition environment. Open Practice is scheduled from 10:00 – 11:30 and teams can use one of these slots by arriving, registering and completing robot compliance in time to get an open practice time slot. Teams that arrive too late won't be able to use one of these time slots. **ARRIVE AT A SENSIBLE TIME!**

**PRACTICE MATCHES:** These are mock competitive matches – just like at Game Day. One minor change from Practice Day to Game Day is that the **FIRST** match for each team at Practice Day will be a 5 minute match, rather than the normal 3 minute match.

## **REMINDERS**

**Game Day competition** will be held on **Saturday, October 27** at the Auraria Campus Events Center (aka Gym) in Denver. **Check in will start at 7:30am and we expect the event to last until 5pm.**

Please check our websites below for Generic Kit Notes, Generic Game Rules, 2012 Game Rules, and for Q&As.

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