Greetings student teams and teachers participating in the 2012 RM BEST robotics competition! This Newsletter is a reminder of Practice Day Game Day activities and schedules.

**PRACTICE DAY Saturday, 20 October 2012**

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 this schedule:

**9–11 am Teams check-in: Registration; Robot 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 and demographics form** to be submitted at Registration. This is a requirement to compete on Game Day. Engineering Notebook examples are available at [www.bestinc.org =>participants => contest information =>examples => Team11SAILHomeschoolersCoCoBESTNotebook.pdf](http://www.bestinc.org/)
2. **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.
3. Your returnable kit and toolbox for repairs and / or compliance modifications.
4. The completed 2012 Kit Usage Survey form to robot compliance check
5. Safety glasses for soldering and / or drilling.
6. **Charged** batteries (7.2V robot batteries & AAA joystick batteries).

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase by West Generation Academy. It will be a good idea for students to bring their lunch. In good weather, students may eat in an outdoor area near the gym. In inclement weather, we hope to have their cafeteria open for seating.

**PIT AREA:** Your team will be assigned a table in this restricted area and **only FIVE** members of your team and one teacher or mentor will be allowed in at a time.
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.

GAME DAY Saturday, 27 October 2012

Game Day competition will be held at the Auraria Campus Events Center (aka the Gym) in Denver. Please see the attached map. I will be sending parking instructions in an email closer to game day.

7:30 am Team Registration and Robot Compliance Check
9:00 am Team Exhibits (Multi-Purpose Room) (until 2:00 PM)
9:45 am Opening Ceremony – Jose Lopez, Master of Ceremonies

All team members must be on the bleachers and out of the pit area.

10:00 am Seeding Matches Begin
11:00 am Pizza snack will be available for team members, teachers and mentors
3:00 pm Wildcard Match
3:30 pm Semi-Final Matches
4:00 pm Final Matches
4:30 pm Awards Ceremony and Photos
5:00 pm Conclusion of Game Day

Teams return returnable kits (& blue totes) OR submit “Request for Loan of Returnable Kit Form” (signed by teacher, not student).

Please turn in your Feedback Forms
5:10 PM Regional Briefing for Winning Teams (Upstairs, Northwest Side)

Good luck to all!

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