



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! As of today we have 30 teams registered. As we announced previously, participation is on a **"first come, first selected"** basis. If you know of an interested school, please forward this information. We can place them on stand-by. We are waiting for a grant that should allow us to increase to 32 teams. Until that grant is received, two teams are on temporary standby.

	2014 School	City		2014 School	City
1	Bear Creek High School	Lakewood	16	Lone Star/Otis High School	Otis
2	Bishop Machebeuf High School	Denver	17	Manning Middle School	Golden
3	Broomfield High School	Broomfield	18	New Vista High School	Boulder
4	Chaparral HS	Parker	19	North Middle School	Aurora
5	Cripple Creek-Victor HS	Cripple Creek	20	Rangeview High School	Aurora
6	Dakota Ridge High School	Littleton	21	Russell MS	Colorado Springs
7	Denver School of Science and Technology	Denver	22	Skyline High School	Longmont
8	Denver South HS	Denver	23	Skyview Middle School	Colorado Springs
9	East High School	Denver	24	St. Mary's Academy high school	Englewood
10	Gateway High School	Aurora	25	Standley Lake HS	Westminster
11	Golden High School*	Golden	26	STEM Academy	Highland Ranch
12	Lakewood High School	Lakewood	27	Thomas Jefferson High School	Denver
13	Landmark Academy at Reunion	Commerce City	28	Trinidad Middle School*	Trinidad
14	Legend High School	Parker	29	Warren Tech Central	Lakewood
15	Littleton Academy MS	Littleton	30	Wheat Ridge HS	Wheat Ridge
* Temporary Standby Teams					

On other news, the **Teacher and Mentor Institute (TMI)** will be **July 21st and 22nd** at the Aviation Building at the Auraria Campus of the Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver). The official mail address is 1250 7th Street, Denver, CO 80217-3362. We will provide more information in later newsletters. If you are planning to attend TMI, RSVP to Jose Lopez at jose.m.lopez@comcast.net **no later than July 11**. In your RSVP, please include the contact information for each participant. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate head count.

There is no cost for attending TMI and lunch is included! We are allowing 3 participants per school team, regardless of status. We do require that at least one team participant be a teacher; the other two participants may be teachers and/or mentors. **Students are NOT ALLOWED to attend TMI**. A parent can be a mentor! We **strongly encourage** each school to send a representative to TMI. Please extend an invitation to your mentors!

The game **Kickoff** will be **Saturday, September 6th** at Denver South High School, 1700 E. Louisiana Ave., Denver. At Kickoff we will unveil this year's game, **Blade Runner**, thus starting the six-week period during which your team will design and build a robot based on your winning strategy. This will be a technology inspired game. At Kickoff, you will be issued a box of consumable materials that you may keep and a box of returnable electronics that you will be required to return to RM BEST on/after Game Day. If you are curious about **Blade Runner**, there is a teaser at the BEST Robotics Inc. (BRI) website at <http://best.eng.auburn.edu/>.

Practice Day will be **Saturday, October 11** at Denver Thomas Jefferson High School, 3950 S Holly St, Denver, CO 80237. On Practice Day, the robot that you worked so hard to create to play in **Blade Runner**, can be tested on the game floor. Game Referees will be available to help you improve your strategy and to make sure your team understands the rules.

Game Day competition will be **Saturday, October 18** at the Auraria Campus Events Center (aka the Gym) courtesy of MSU Denver. The gym is next to the campus Tivoli Center at the south end of Larimer St.

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