

Teacher Timeline for Fall Game Participation

- **As soon as possible:** Get on the teacher contact list to get information on signup procedures and deadlines (**Strongly Advised**)
 - Will receive the teacher newsletters and information on registering
 - <http://www.rockymountainbest.org/teams/signup/> is the link to get on list
- **May – June:** Schools sign up to sponsor team (**Required**)
 - Registration will close in June for 28 teams plus one alternate team
 - Will need school name and point-of-contact
- **Summer:** FREE Teacher / Mentor Institute, TMI (**Strongly Advised**)
 - Two days of presentations of information (Programming, Engineering Design, Panels, for example) to help new (and experienced!) Mentors prepare their teams for the competition
 - Includes building a simple robot for a hands-on experience
- **A Saturday in September:** Kickoff of Robot build (**Required**)
 - New game for the year presented
 - Kits of building materials handed out (a returnable kit and a consumable kit)
 - Tutorials on aspects of robot building available for students and mentors
- **A Saturday in October, FIVE weeks after Kickoff:** Practice Day (**Strongly Advised**)
 - Students get to practice on the game field with their robots
 - Engineering notebooks are turned in (**Required**)
- **A Saturday in October, ONE week after Practice Day:** Game Day at Metropolitan State University of Denver (Auraria Event Center)

Handy email addresses:

www.rmbest.org or www.rockymountainbest.org : The Rocky Mountain BEST website

BESTology <http://www.bestinc.org/bestology/>: Website for weekly projects, game hints, and skill sets for students to be competitive in the game and workplace (available starting in late winter/spring) Current and former game themes/activities available

www.bestinc.org : National BEST organization website (BEST Robotics, Inc.)