

Greetings Teams!

On behalf of the Central Illinois Regional Planning Committee, we welcome you to our 6<sup>th</sup> Central Illinois Regional. We are looking forward to hosting you at the Central Illinois Regional, March 20-23, 2019. This email contains information you will need to plan for the event.

Bradley University has created a special webpage for the event. FIRST Robotics CIR BU Site:

<http://www.bradley.edu/academic/continue/youth/robotics/>

**Food at the Event:** Bradley University Catering department provides the food options for the Central Illinois Regional, including several on-campus options.

**Box lunches and Pizza are available for pre-order.** The order form is easily available to fill out on the Bradley FIRST Robotics Lunch Options page:

<http://www.bradley.edu/academic/continue/youth/robotics/lunch/>

<http://www.bradley.edu/academic/continue/youth/robotics/documents/lunch-order.pdf>

These pre-orders will be delivered to the venue and can be picked up at Concession Stand #1 on Southeast side of Renaissance Coliseum, so your team will not need to leave the venue. **Orders must be placed by 3:00 pm on March 18, 2019.**

A food court is available in the Michel Student Center, which is a short walk from the Renaissance Coliseum and has Chick-fil-A, Moe's Southwestern Grill, Marketplace Deli, & Tossed.

You may bring the Food Court items back to the venue but no other food purchased at nearby restaurants will be permitted anywhere in the facility. There will be concession stands in the Renaissance Coliseum with hot dogs, bratwurst, soda, popcorn, candy, etc.

(If a team member has a special dietary need and will be bringing a pre-packed lunch that is certainly permitted on an individual basis.)

**Team Social:** Friday March 22, immediately follow awards ceremony (~ 6:30 pm) until 9 pm, \$11 per person. The team social will be at the Markin Center, a very short walk from the Renaissance Coliseum, and will feature a pasta dinner and a variety of activities for teams to enjoy. Local teams will be your hosts for the evening. The registration link found on the BU CIR Webpage will be available soon.

<http://www.bradley.edu/academic/continue/youth/robotics/social/>

**The Safety Glass Station was so successful last year that we are continuing this again:**

From our Lead Safety Glass coordinator, Steve Yarnot:

**Volunteers needed for the Safety Glasses station at 2019 CIR**

Who says the Safety Glasses Table cannot be fun? Yet again, we will be managing the safety glasses table at CIR and are seeking volunteers to work shifts at our two safety glasses stations (one upstairs at the Pit entrance, the other downstairs at the Pit exit)

Volunteer Team members will man the two safety glasses stations in 1½-2 hour increments- we ask that each team provide at least 4 volunteers for at least one time slot.

We have an objective to make sure that the volunteers do not miss matches where their team is playing, so we will coordinate the schedule and provide substitutes so you can watch while your team competes.

Feel free to bring some team swag, Destination Deep Space decorations, and team spirit for when it's your turn! First come, first served for filling the available slots.

To sign up, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/2GgMN3l>  
(The form is also linked off of the <http://robotcasserole.org> homepage)

If you have questions about the safety glasses table, please send them to: [CIRSafetyGlasses@gmail.com](mailto:CIRSafetyGlasses@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance!

Reminder from FIRST HQ:

**Safety glasses are required in the pit area at all times. FIRST mentors and team members MUST bring their own safety glasses for the event. FIRST provides safety glasses for visitors to borrow. If a team member must borrow FIRST safety glasses, a mentor will be required to come with them to the safety glasses station and sign a pair out for the student. The mentor is also responsible to sign the glasses back in. Remember to keep safety glasses with you, rather than packing them in your pit boxes!**

**Parking:** See Bradley University webpage sidebars for Team parking and Bus parking information

**Load-In Information:** Again this year, we will allow pit set up during the Wednesday night load in from 6pm to 8:30pm. Local teams will be providing volunteers to assist you with load-in, so we can keep the traffic flow moving and minimize wait in line. When your vehicle is unloaded and all items are cleared from the sidewalk, you will be permitted to set up your pit. Access will be limited to 5 team members, one of which must be an adult mentor. Robot Inspectors will be monitoring the Pits during this time to ensure safety. No one else will have access to the arena, so please plan accordingly if your entire team is arriving on a bus on Wednesday evening. The maps and procedure for load in is posted on the Bradley website. Please review the document and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

We have updated the IL FIRST CIR website to reflect 2019 information.  
<https://www.firstillinoisrobotics.org/frc/events/central-illinois-regional/>

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to greeting you and your team in a few weeks!

**One final request:** A link to a short survey was sent to the lead mentors in the original communication. If your team did not receive the original email with the link, please email me at the address listed below.

Best regards,

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