



FIRST Tech Challenge November 2016 Newsletter Addendum

We are still getting a few team payments at our old Science Museum office. Our mail forwarding had expired- please make sure your school bookkeeper or team non-profit organization changes our mailing address for registrations or other payments to:

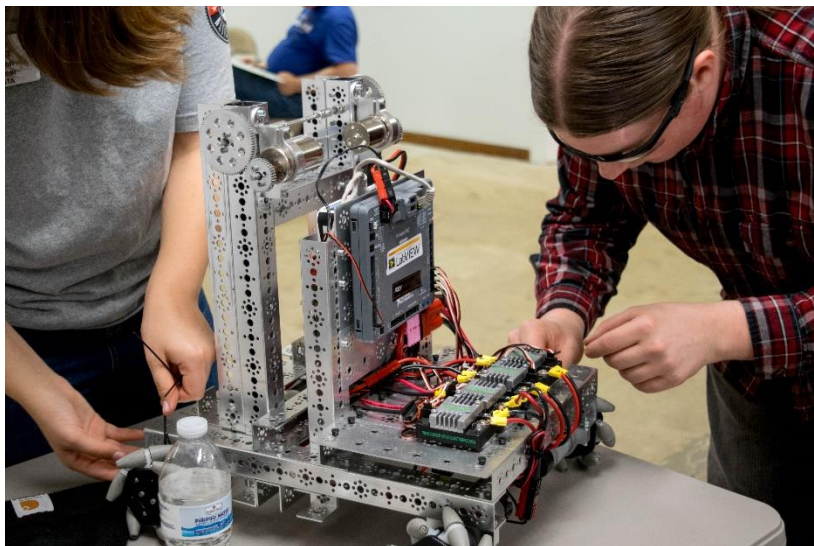
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BUILD-A-BOT REVIEW

Command Central (Mechanicsville, VA) was glad to host 9 FTC teams for a Build-A-Bot day on October 29th. There was a lot of fruitful work building, testing and trouble shooting. Almost every team benefited from programming help from Morgan Clemmons and Matt Schubert. Alison Palmer assisted on the mechanical side. The tools and equipment in the new machine shop sponsored by GE were put to good use.

Thank you to all who made this possible. Hope to see YOUR team there next time!





BRISTOL SCRIMMAGE

The SW FTC Scrimmage also took place on October 29th at the Bristol Public Library (Bristol VA).

Hosted by First Appalachian Robotics FTC team 7090, the scrimmage featured a Halloween costume contest. What a fun way to get robots ready for the competition!

FTC Program Director Maureen Carley attended the event and had a great time getting to know some Southwest teams.



FTC CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM- FOR VOLUNTEERS AND TEAMS

All participants in Virginia *FIRST* / *FIRST* Chesapeake competitions, including teams (students, coaches and/or mentors) and volunteers, must fill out the 2016-17 season Virginia *FIRST* Consent and release form before attending/participating in events.

This includes both the *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) program in Virginia and *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) program in DC, MD and VA.

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We are happy to tell you that the form is now available online for your convenience. And as an added bonus, as each student submits the form, his/her coach will receive an automated confirmation of that student's form completion, so long as the student put the coach's email address on the form.

Coaches: please share this form link with your team members, and please make sure they all know your email address.

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Paper forms will be available at events, but we strongly urge participants to complete the online form ahead of time or print and bring a paper copy.

Please note- whether online or paper, minors' forms require the signature of a parent or guardian.