

Want Ads

Interested in trying something new? Looking for a place to stretch your wings? The growth of the FTC and the FRC District events have created the need for dozens of technical and supervisory volunteers to ensure the success of our competitions. Training is provided, hands-on mentorship is assured, and your advancement potential is limited only by your desire to learn.

Control Systems Advisors (CSA): If you have a good understanding of the mysteries that make the robots speak to the field, then we have a job for you! The CSA works in collaboration with the *FIRST* Technical Advisor and/or Robot Inspectors, who may direct teams experiencing issues on the field or in the pits to the CSA for assistance. If you have been a CSA Assistant, or if you are proficient in one of the *FIRST* robots' control languages, and want to spend a day or a weekend making a huge impact, this is the job for you.

Control System Advisor Assistants: Shadow a rock star! The CSAA works side-by-side with the CSAs to keep the robots on the fields. Start out as an assistant, and by the end of the competition, you could be promoted! You will still need to be knowledgeable about the robot control system and languages, but this position will allow you to work with a more experienced volunteer until you are comfortable working more independently.

FIRST Technical Advisor Assistants: Do you have a strong interest in working to maintain the wireless communications and other field components? Would you like to learn how the control system, field diagnostics, wiring and software work together to light the lights, trigger the sound effects, and keep the robots running? BONUS: Supporting the work of the FTA is THE way to learn how to be an FTA.

Field Supervisors: Ever wonder who trains and manages the set-up crew, field re-set, and tear down? These volunteers are critical to the pacing of the day and the quality of matches. Oversee the field assembly and disassembly in collaboration with the *FIRST* Technical Advisor. Direct activity on the field to ensure smooth execution of the matches, maintain the pace of the event and smooth flow of match play.

Event Managers: Every one of these competitions deserves someone at the helm whose sole focus is to make sure that all of the event's pieces and parts mesh together so things can progress on time. These "keepers of the schedule" work closely with the Field Supervisors, Volunteer Coordinators, vendors, suppliers, and Program Directors to ensure that our events run as smoothly as possible. Can you juggle ten things in your head, with room for one more, and keep a smile on your face? Were you a plate spinner, chainsaw juggler, or cat herder in a former life? Can you think on your feet, problem solve, and keep track of a clipboard? Let's talk!

Referees: The most visible volunteers on the field, *FIRST* referees observe matches, identify rule violations, and participate in deliberations regarding contested calls. Work under the guidance of the Head Referee. This is the perfect place for team alumni, who clearly understand how referees play a critical role in ensuring a positive, fair environment with a smooth flow of match play.

More information and opportunities can be found at :

<http://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/volunteer-event-roles-and-training-resources>

<http://www.firstinspires.org/node/5341>

Ready to sign up? Head over to the FIRST volunteer registration page (VIMS) to create or update your volunteer record, and to select which competitions you would like to support.

Questions? Concerns? Need more nagging? Contact Dee Tomczak, Director of Community Engagement, at 804 677-7995, or dtomczak@firstchesapeake.org.