



FIRST Tech Challenge December 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:

VirginiaFIRST / FIRST Chesapeake, 8177 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

FTC CENTRAL VIRGINIA QUALIFIER SPONSORED BY CAPITAL ONE

What a way to begin the season! Forty-eight teams squared off at the FTC Central VA Qualifier Sponsored by Capital One and had a blast. This year the event took place at Matoaca High School in Chesterfield, VA- a beautiful facility.

Thank you Capital One for kicking off the 2016-17 season- we appreciate your support!

Watch the [FIRST Family blog](#) and [FIRST Chesapeake website](#) for the competition results.



FTC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHANGE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the site of the FTC Virginia State Championship has been moved to [Virginia Episcopal School](#) in Lynchburg, VA. The date remains the same (February 25, 2017).

Please watch the [Championship web page](#) and the [FIRST Chesapeake blog](#) for more information.

TEAM NEWSLETTER

FTC Team #8297 Geared UP! published their November 2016 newsletter- chock full of good stuff!

Read it here: [http://us12.campaign-](http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=53d772d4ed62714d97d17008b&id=6b3cbe9053&e=981ae3b4c6)

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FTC CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM- FOR VOLUNTEERS AND TEAMS

All participants in VirginiaFIRST / FIRST Chesapeake competitions, including **teams** (students, coaches and/or mentors) and **volunteers**, must fill out the 2016-17 season VirginiaFIRST Consent and Release form before attending/participating in events, in addition to the FIRST Consent and Release form you see on STIMS.

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

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.

[https://virginiafirst.formstack.com/forms/virginia first consent and release](https://virginiafirst.formstack.com/forms/virginia_first_consent_and_release)

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

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 signed paper copy, attached to your team roster. A printable version is available here

[https://www.firstchesapeake.org/images/downloads/2016/VirginiaFIRST Consent and Release.pdf](https://www.firstchesapeake.org/images/downloads/2016/VirginiaFIRST_Consent_and_Release.pdf) .

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

All students must have both signed Consent and Release forms (FIRST and VirginiaFIRST, online or paper version) or they will not be allowed in the pits or on the playing field.

See this page for future information and a link to STIMS
<https://www.firstchesapeake.org/first-programs/ftc/consent>