

Hello to all our 2025 Wisconsin Regional teams---

We are excited to host all of our teams for this season of Reefscape presented by Haas! We have a new venue for this year, the State Fair Expo Center! The Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee feels that this venue is going to be much more team friendly than the Panther Arena in the past. There are quite a few changes, so please read through the entire email.

Please read carefully and cascade to your other team members as necessary. This message is being sent to all Main/Alternate contacts in TIMS as well as all contacts collected by the Regional Planning Committee (with your permission) at Town Halls, Post-Season Mentor Meetings, and other sources. If you would like to add others to the list, just let us know! To be removed from this distribution, see the instructions at the end of this message.

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We look forward to seeing everyone in Week 6, April 3<sup>rd</sup>-6th!

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### **Event Volunteers Needed**

The regional planning committee is still looking for many event volunteers. The Wisconsin Regional is only possible due to the volunteering support from our community and teams attending the event. Over 100 volunteers are needed to make the event happen each year.

Volunteer roles range in commitment/experience needed. Majority of the roles we need to fill do not require any previous experience. You can include your availability in the registration process so we can find the right fit at our event.

Please reach out to supporters of your team! If every team attending our event was able to allocate time for 1 person to volunteer part time at the event, we would fill our spots in no time! Specifically, we are still in need of a few more **Judges** and **Safety Managers** for the event.

Sign up to volunteer today: <https://www.firstinspires.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/how-to-register>

### **Public Agenda**

The public agenda can be accessed at the following website location: [https://www.firstinspireswi.org/\\_files/ugd/31a378\\_e76172de5a334b0fb2673a878311de09.pdf](https://www.firstinspireswi.org/_files/ugd/31a378_e76172de5a334b0fb2673a878311de09.pdf)

The doors to the lobby will be unlocked to allow teams to get out of the weather, but doors to main hall including the stands, pits, and field will not open until pit open time every day.

Also attached is a more detailed Team Agenda (*Team Agenda 2025.pdf*). Check it out! And, of course, it's subject to change. Check with Pit Admin for any updates.

### **FRC Mentor Call**

Please join the FRC Mentor call prior to the WI Regional, scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 at 6:30PM CST**. We will be going on over some general reminders as well as Event Specific updates to help you prepare for the Wisconsin Regional. Here is the webinar link you can use to join:

[Join the meeting now](#)

### **Load-In / Pit Setup**

Please see the Load-In/Load-out procedures for this year, included in the attachment "*Loadin Loadout Parking WI State Fair 2025.pdf*" and read carefully! As usual, early pit set up is permitted Thursday evening 6pm-8pm, and Friday morning 7:45am-9:00am. With the new venue, Load-In/Load-Out should be much easier with no street parking and we are sure everyone will miss the steep ramps to load in and out of. Please see the attached document for all the changes and updates for the new venue. We greatly appreciate your patience. And don't forget your safety glasses! We will be having more details on overnight trailer parking for teams, so look out for more updates in the next info blast on locations and cost

### **Pit Map & Tables**

You can find the floor plan and pit map in the attached documents, "Wisconsin\_Regional\_FloorPlan\_11MAR2025.pdf" and "Wisconsin\_Regional\_PitMap\_11MAR2025.pdf". Please understand that we are providing the pit map early as a courtesy, but reserve the right to make changes if it becomes necessary.

In the past, many teams do not need/want the supplied 2' x 6' table in their pits and ask to have it removed. We are asking teams to Opt-In for a table. If you require a table, please fill out the survey below to inform us if you will need a table for our Wisconsin events (you can select more than 1). Please have this filled out by **Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2\\_e37covRkOrwKSW0Ty8fe6xRCZZSleF8gNYb\\_eWBDjulQ/viewform?usp=preview](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2_e37covRkOrwKSW0Ty8fe6xRCZZSleF8gNYb_eWBDjulQ/viewform?usp=preview)

### **Dining at the Regional / Boxed Lunches**

- There will be 2 Concession Stands that will be open at the arena. Please see the attached menu for prices and food available at the concession stands.
- There are some restaurants within walking distance of the venue, but will require you to leave the State Fair grounds. There are many restaurants within a short driving distance.
- The venue has communicated that pre-prepared outside food like pizza, sub sandwiches, burgers will be allowed in the venue. Any team setting up tables, warmers, crock pots or other catered type of setups will NOT be allowed in the venue.
- Teams will be allowed to tailgate in the parking lot.

### **Musical Performers Needed for National Anthem (Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>)**

We are seeking talented performers to sing or play our National Anthem at Opening Ceremonies on Saturday of the event. If you would like to nominate an individual, group, band, choir, a capella group, etc, for this opportunity, please send details along with an mp3 audition file to Emma Schuff at [eschuff@firstinspires.org](mailto:eschuff@firstinspires.org). Submissions from groups that have close ties to a FRC team will receive priority consideration.

### **Now Recruiting for Wisconsin *FIRST* Team Choir (Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

We are very excited to host a *FIRST* Team Choir to perform the National Anthem during Opening Ceremonies on Sunday! To achieve this though, we need your help!

All student team members with vocal talent are invited to join the Wisconsin *FIRST* Team Choir. Interested students will need to be available for the Friday morning rehearsal referenced above.

Please have interested students email Emma Schuff ([eschuff@firstinspires.org](mailto:eschuff@firstinspires.org)) with their name, team number, and vocal range, or sign up at Pit Admin on Thursday morning.

### **Mentor Lounge**

We are excited to offer a Mentor Lounge area this year. This area will have tables and chairs available for Mentors to relax, strategize and network.

### **Laptop Lounge/Tables**

We will also offer a laptop lounge area in the expo hall, but power outlets may be limited. Stay tuned for an updated venue map with these locations identified.

## **Accessibility**

We strive to host an inclusive, accessible event that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact Chris Maupin at [chris.maupin@firstinspireswi.org](mailto:chris.maupin@firstinspireswi.org). There are 2 stools available for teams to use for their human player. Please review the game manual blue boxes in section 5.6.2 for information on the stools available to teams and 5.6.1 for information on the ramps available to use as well.

## **Practice Field**

With the new venue, we are excited to have a many more practice field options available to teams. Team 537, Charger Robotics has graciously offer to bring their Week 0 field to the Wisconsin regional along with the normal ¼ field that is provided by FIRST. Please make sure to review section 14.6 of game Manual for the rules related to practice areas.

## **Parking**

Park will be much easier this year as compared to downtown Milwaukee. Please see the attached “Wisconsin\_Regional\_Parking\_17FEB25.pdf” for more information and details about parking for the event.



### **Live Webcast**

Once again, the Wisconsin Regional is proud to host a live webcast, available for your friends and family that can't watch the action live and in person. Visit <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires> and look for the Wisconsin Regional.

### **Student Ambassador Sign-Up and Meeting**

Each team should nominate one Ambassador to represent their team throughout their community, at the Regional, and serve as an Ambassador for FIRST Wisconsin. Coaches, please send the name & contact info of one nominated team Ambassador (or have them email directly) to Wisconsin Regional Ambassador Coordinator Emma Schuff at [eschuff@firstinspires.org](mailto:eschuff@firstinspires.org) BEFORE you arrive at the Regional. The Ambassador does not need to be a senior on the team, however, any FIRST Ambassador needs to sign up as a volunteer prior to coming to the Regional through the FIRST Volunteer registration system. Ambassadors will receive instructions on how to complete this task prior to coming to the Regional from the Ambassador Coordinator, so please connect your Ambassador with Emma Schuff as soon as possible. There will be an Ambassador meeting at **9:30am on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Janesville Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**. If your team is planning to attend multiple Regionals, you can have the same Ambassador at all three regionals in Milwaukee, Phantom Lakes and LaCrosse.

### **FIRST Apparel for Sale**

This year, we welcome Northwestern Designs to provide on-site merchandise apparel. These graphics are customized for the Wisconsin Regional and won't be available anywhere else. Check them out in the main entrance on Saturday and Sunday during the event.

### **Reminders from FIRST HQ**

**Don't forget your safety glasses!** As most of you know, everyone is required to wear safety glasses at all times in the Pit area. *FIRST®* has a very limited supply of safety glasses on hand to lend, so we appreciate your efforts to supply enough safety glasses for your entire team!

Note: Limited edition *FIRST* Wisconsin branded safety glasses will also be available for sale for \$5 each, cash or credit.

**Please review the [Safety Manual](#)!** It is important that teams obey all safety items, including wearing closed toe shoes, wearing gloves when necessary, and practicing safe lifting techniques.

**Do not save seats.** It is not fair to other teams or public guests, and it is against the [rules](#).

**Respect boundaries in the Pit area!** Please be respectful of fellow teams by being aware of how much space your team is using in the Pit area. Each team is allocated a 10'x10'x10' Pit space. Please be conscious of how much space your team is using in order to allow adequate workspace for your neighboring teams, and to ensure overall safety for everyone. We appreciate your *Gracious Professionalism®*!

Don't forget to visit us at:

Website: <https://www.firstinspireswi.org/first-robotics-competition>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/firstinspireswi/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/101776535252481>

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If you have any questions not addressed in these notes, please reach out and let me know – happy to help!