

The Seven Rivers Regional in La Crosse is almost here. Our planning committee is putting the final touches on things to make this the best regional yet for all of your teams. There is VERY important information in here regarding load in and load out, detailed agenda, venue floorplans, as well as the pit locations. Please look over this information.

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Event Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for a few more volunteers for the event. We really need help with the Load out team. We are aware that everyone wants to watch the finals or get packed up but we need personal to help with the coordination of that. If you or someone you know can help out please reach out to your Seven Rivers Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Shari Ireland, 7rrvolunteers@gmail.com.

[Register to volunteer at an event | FIRST](#)

Public Agenda

The public agenda can be accessed at the following website location: https://www.firstinspireswi.org/_files/ugd/31a378_0b181f083d814884b456725b273090fe.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 a few minutes before pit open time every day.

Also attached is a more detailed Team Agenda (*Seven_Rivers_2025_TeamAgenda.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 Seven Rivers Regional, scheduled for **Sunday, March 16th, 2025 at 7:00PM CST**. We will be going on over some general reminders as well as Event Specific updates to help you prepare for the Seven Rivers Regional. Here is the webinar link you can use to join:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8717b8b4-3928-4fec-9601-7bbb532c4abd@87f3c3bf-6dd1-44ec-bd8f-99e4e622ef84>

Load-In / Pit Setup

This is the first of many VERY important processes to make the weekend start out going in the right direction. Our director who plans this part of the event takes a lot of time and preparation in making sure this goes off as smoothly as possible. PLEASE follow the instructions that are attached to this email and this should go super smooth. Please see the Load-In/Load-out procedures for this year, included in the attachment "*Seven_Rivers_2025_Load-In_Out_Process.pdf*" and read carefully! As usual, early pit set up is permitted Thursday evening 6pm-8pm, and Friday morning 7:45am-9:00am.

Pit Map & Tables

You can find the venue floor plan and pit map in the attached documents, "*Seven_Rivers_2025_FloorPlan.pdf*" and "*Seven_Rivers_2025_PitMap.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 13th**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2_e37covRkOrwKSW0Ty8fe6xRCZZSlE8gNYb_eWBDjulQ/viewform?usp=preview

Equity, Inclusion and Diversity

FIRST® is committed to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and as such, FIRST strives to make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities that request accommodation. If a participant needs an accommodation for an event, we ask that they talk to a volunteer at the event or contact their local leadership before the event so they can ensure the accommodation is provided. Accommodations are determined reasonable given they do not create an undue hardship or cause safety concerns.

We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact Jason Jones. Jjones154@yahoo.com 414-801-1644.

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 Jason Jones at Jjones154@yahoo.com. 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.

Now Recruiting for Wisconsin FIRST Team Choir (Saturday, March 22nd)

We are very excited to host a *FIRST* Team Choir to perform the National Anthem during Opening Ceremonies on Saturday! 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 rehearsal at 2:00pm on Friday, March 21st.

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

Live Webcast

Once again, the Seven Rivers 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 Seven Rivers 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 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 Thursday, March 20th in the Zielke E Room (5th Floor). If your team is planning to attend multiple

Regionals, you can have the same Ambassador at all three regionals in Milwaukee, Mukwonago and LaCrosse.

FIRST Apparel for Sale

This year, we welcome Northwestern Designs to provide on-site merchandise apparel. These graphics are customized for the Seven Rivers 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>

If you wish to be removed from this distribution list, please contact Chris at chris.maupin@firstinspireswi.org. Note that all main and alternate contacts identified in TIMS for teams attending the regional are included by default and cannot be excluded from these communications.

We are counting down the days until we all meet under the sea here in La Crosse at Reef Scape! We wish you all safe travels here and good luck in any events leading up to the Seven Rivers Regional.

Thank you

Jason Jones and Betty Baker

Seven Rivers Regional Co-Chair's Planning Committee