



new england championship april 10-12, 2014 #necmp

As many of you know, the **2014 FIRST New England District Championship** will be held at the site of the former Boston Regional. During the pre-season months, the District Championship Planning Committee conducted a survey to see what YOU, New England teams, wanted. **WE HEARD YOU!** We are working on implementing new features and wanted to give you a preview of the excitement to come. The information below is our vision; details will be confirmed as competition season approaches. **We hope to see you competing at the 2014 New England Championship!**

MENTOR LOUNGE

Mentors can go to this quiet spot to relax and take a break. Special projects are in the works.

ALUMNI EVENT

There will be a luncheon for all Alumni and senior team members on Friday, April 11. Networking opportunities, college representatives and speakers are planned.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We realize that a significant number of the hotels will need to be booked in the week prior to our event. In preparation, Steele Meetings has reserved a number of rooms at a variety of rates and locations. These will be made available via their interface as competition begins.

PARKING

Parking in Boston can be difficult! We have arranged special parking for buses and will be providing each team one FREE parking pass for Boston University Agganis Arena garage. Regular parking rates are \$15 per vehicle.

FEATURED DEMOS

This year we will be expanding our College and Sponsor Row to include as many of the New England Scholarship offerers and New England District Sponsors as we can! Sponsors will have information and demonstrations to share. New for 2014, we will be adding robotics companies and FIRST vendors from around New England so that students can see for themselves the robotics careers available in the real world!

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

On Friday, members of Chairman's Award-winning teams will be facilitating a discussion for all teams. Learn best practices, what has worked for winners and hear what other teams are doing.

SCOUTING

Many teams wish to scout and collect data and video electronically. We have arranged for special scouting passes and rooms to be available to teams that preregister for the event.

SEATING & STORAGE

In an effort to increase available seating and get jackets, backpacks and general "stuff" out of the stands, we have arranged a volunteer-monitored storage area for all teams to bring extra personal items that cannot be left on trailers or buses.

2015 CONTROL SYSTEM

Have you heard about the new Control System in 2015?? The Aluminum Falcons, FRC team #2168, will provide a preview via their alpha-testing hardware!

TEAM SOCIAL

We recognize that many teams enjoy time to socialize and relax during the craziness of competition. We are working on a team social event on Friday of the competition.

FOOD

To keep lines down within the venue, there will be multiple concession areas open within the venue. A list of several local food establishments will be compiled for teams to consider.

WEBCAST & RECORDINGS

This year we are hoping to live-stream both the typical competition view as well as a full-field fisheye view of the event. It is our hope that real-time uploads of match videos will be available for teams to make use of the video captured.

AWARD DISPLAYS

We will be displaying the great teams, students, and mentors of New England. Current and past Chairman's Award winners, Woodie Flowers recipients and Dean's List finalists will be on display for all to see. Stop by to take a look and celebrate their efforts!

Please take time to read through the **Welcome Packet** for #NECMP when it is released, even if you are not yet sure that your team will be attending. There are many great new features, but to make full use of them you will need to be aware ahead of time.

Good luck and we hope to see you in April!



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