



Rochester NY - 16-October 2006

On Saturday October 28th at Webster Thomas High School at 800 Five Mile Line Rd, over 15 high school robotics teams from all over the region will meet in a major "boo-done-it" fun competitive event as part of the worldwide FIRST robotics competition.

Every year, thousands of high schools around the world tune-in in early January to a new set of rules for each year's competition. The Rochester Ruckus is a gathering of last year's teams as well as new high school teams to play the 2006 Aim High robotics game. In the Aim High challenge, robots score points in a frenzied chase with foam poof balls, making points by shooting balls on a field similar to a basketball court.

Fun and educational for the whole family, the Rochester Ruckus is open to the public and is a great way to see what science is doing in the high schools of our area.

Qualifying matches run all day from 8am until 2pm, when the winning teams form three-school alliances for the final matches starting at 3pm. The robot competitions will be followed by a awards dinner and Halloween dancing on the robotics field at 7pm.

For more information, contact Kim O'Toole at 585-242-3353 or visit <http://ruckus.penfieldrobotics.com>

This event continues the mission of FIRST in the Finger Lakes Region by fostering the vision to positively transform culture and inspire young people, their schools and communities to appreciate science and technology. FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a multinational non-profit organization, founded by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Human Transporter. Locally, FIRST runs the annual Finger Lakes Regional Robotics Competition, a six-week high-school competition that kicks off in January. FIRST also offers the FIRST Lego League events for middle-school students with a competition in December. For details on all upcoming events, please visit www.firstrochester.org.