

Please take a moment to say Thank You to each and every Volunteer of the 2007 Northern California Robot Games:

The WRRF Board of Directors	President Vice-President Secretary/Treasurer BOD Member BOD Member	Dr. Eugene D. Brooks, III Michael (Mike) Schmit Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Alvin Cheng Dr. Chris Kitts
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2007 CalGames Host Team		Team 100 Woodside High School & Carlmont High School, the "Wildhats" Arlene Kolber Laura Rhodes Janet Creech Susan Dubrow Sharon Greer Carl Greer Richard Burgess & Woodside High School Staff Joaquin Vega Eli Cuevas Tom Slater

Cal Games Leadership

Registration	Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig
Scheduling & Match List	Michael (Mike) Schmit
Awards & Buttons.....	Ted Shinta Jeremy Le Christine Chen
Volunteer Recognition Awards.....	Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Deborah Epperson Ryan Epperson
Publicity	Laura Rhodes Deborah Epperson Kathy McHale
Setup & Tear Down Strategy	Michael (Mike) Schmit

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Cal Games Leadership (cont.)

Main Gym Setup & Tear Down	Cory McBride Dave Sheridan Dr. Eugene D. Brooks, III Jayne Sonnenschein Ken Mitchell Tim Craig
Pit Area Setup	Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Ryan Epperson Deborah Epperson Mark Epperson
Field and Pit Area Power	Woodside HS Staff Joaquin Vega Eli Cuevas Dr. Eugene D. Brooks, III
Truck Rental and Transportation	Alvin Cheng Cory McBride Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Tim Craig
Field Electronics Development and Testing.....	Dr. Eugene D. Brooks, III David Brooks Gary Koerzendorfer Jay Sreedharan Andy Snodgrass
Audio System	Randy Picolet Tom Slater Ben Englert Ben Carpenter
Supplies	Dave Sheridan Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Michael (Mike) Schmit
Signage	Alvin Cheng
Concession	Susan Dubrow Sharon Greer Team 100 Woodside High School & Carlmont High School, the "Wildhats"
WRRF Website	Dr. Eugene D. Brooks, III

Cal Games Competition Volunteers

Master of Ceremony	Mark Leon Katy Levinson
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Cal Games Competition Volunteers (cont.)

Game Announcer	David "Sanddrag" Black
Field Supervisor	Jayne Sonnenschein
Team Queuing Supervisor	Ken Mitchell
Team queuing	Alex Mitchell Alex Zafiropoulos Allison Scheppelmann Carol Zafiropoulos Joan Scheppelmann Larry Price Maggie Best Natasha Lueder
Traffic Control	Jared Price Isaac Monarik
Field Reset	Andrew Stone Jon Valletta Janice Valletta Karina Rink Michael Curry Natalie Greco Ryan Gallagher Ryan Mattei Scott Jang Shareef Ghanem Tahir Hasoon
Head Referee	Dane Boulton
Referees	Andy Casper Andy Hospodor Andrew Hospodor Karen Mahoney Mark Edelman Megan Leich Michael Corsetto Xiao-Yu Fu
Lead Inspector	Ryan Epperson
Inspectors	Christopher Garris Darren Savage David Brinza James Cape Jonathan Kurniawan Larry Price Mark Epperson

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Cal Games Competition Volunteers (cont.)

Technical Advisors	Gary Koerzendofer Jay Sreedharan
Scorekeepers	Jonathan Kurniawan Geoff Dubrow
Music DJ	Ben Englert Ben Carpenter
Pit Admin	Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Anna Huang Deborah Epperson Helen Arrington Jan Price Meredith Brooks
Photographers	Ben Russon Ben Weitzel
Special Assistants to the Event Manager	Guy Davidson Daniel Shaffer
General Event Support	Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig Tim Craig Dr. Eugene D. Brooks, III Alvin Cheng Dave Sheridan Cory McBride Ryan Epperson Mark Epperson Deborah Epperson Arlene Kolber Laura Rhodes Carl Greer Richard Burgess

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WRRF would like to recognize two teams and two individuals for their tremendous contribution to our event this year. Congratulation to the winners of the Special Volunteer Recognition Awards –

Presented by Ken Leung, 07' CalGames Manager

This team was there with us from day one of the planning process. They were the first one to say, "What can we do to make this happen?" They wear orange hats, they ran the concession, and they sent us volunteers. The first Special Volunteer Recognition Award goes to our host,

Team 100 Woodside High School & Carlmont High School, the "Wildhats"

I've known the second team for many years now, longer than I can remember. I consider them my personal friends. And just like Team 100, they were also the first ones to say, "What can we do to help?" They wear purple shirts, they made the drivers badges, they made the CalGames buttons, and they made the incredible Silicon Wafer Awards for us. I would like to present this other Special Volunteer Recognition Award to,

Team 115 Monta Vista High School, the "Matadors"

Presented by Cecilia (Ceal) D. Craig, WRRF Secretary/Treasurer

We have had SO many volunteers help us,
but this year we have had someone step up strongly into the role of leader, much valued by all of us.
Someone who designed an essential element of this competition,
which was tested at WRRF workshop in September, at the Southern CA Robot games,
and you all really broke it in.

We appreciate his contributions every day:

Dr. Eugene David Brooks, III.

Some volunteers come back year after year
Some have such ENERGY; it's almost hard to watch
Some run and jump, like a gazelle or rabbit or a robot?
And some even dye their hair...

But only one Master of Ceremonies does all this for WRRF at CalGames:

Mark Leon

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Acknowledgement to the Host Team of the 2007 Northern California Robot Games –

Team 100 Woodside High School & Carlmont High School, the “Wildhats”
Arlene Kolber, Laura Rhodes, Janet Creech, Susan Dubrow, Sharon Greer, Carl Greer, Richard Burgess
&
The Woodside High School Staff
Joaquin Vega, Eli Cuevas, Tom Slater

And to –

Woodside High School Administrative Team for allowing us to host 30 teams for the event and their support throughout the process:

Linda Common, Principal
Mary Jo Fox, Administrative Vice-Principal
Cliff Alire, Administrative Vice-Principal
Diane Mazzei, Instructional Vice Principal

For being there during planning meetings, having his crew do set-up on Friday, and most importantly being there throughout the day on Saturday helping everyone who needed it. Special thanks for the forklift help:
Joaquin Vega

For meeting with the planning committing, working on and help with the sound system, video, and all the tech stuff:
Thomas Slater

For finding volunteer students to post flyers around campus, to be guides, work food concession, keep food out of the gym, and be all around helpers where needed:
Leslie Edens-With, Student Activities director

For assistance with logistics for lunches. Also for the use of the two speedway carts:
Bernie Clapp

For all of the financial help, concession stand, and spearheading the recycling efforts.
Kathy Soulard

For all of her recycling efforts and also for providing some Environmental Science students to help with that throughout the day:
Ann Akey

For the use of her Home Economics kitchens for our Friday night volunteer dinner:
Faith Gobuty

Physical Education staff for being generous in giving up both gyms all day Friday (especially since it rained all day!):
Steve Nicolopulos
Leslie Pedrin
Laura Perdikomatis

For organizing the concession sales layout and allowing the use of her classroom for the FLL and FTC pit areas:
Janet Creech

All of the Woodside staff who acknowledged and supported the students throughout this project and for all of those who came and supported the Team and the school on Saturday.

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Concession Stand Acknowledgements –

Team 100 Woodside High School & Carmont High School, the “Wildhats”, parents, alumni, Woodside staff and students:

Sharon Greer
Susan Dubrow
Carl Greer
Arlene Kolber
Janet Creech
Laura Robeck
Eddie Rogers
Dave Rogers
Lori McBride
Tom Rhodes
Kevin Tausant
Stevan Patrick
Tina Patrick
Cynthia Chang
Nate Chang
Hamy La
Robun Tumagalli
Paula Gray
Karen Rago
Carl Rago
Bob Steinfeld
Lindsay Steinfeld
Tom Waschura
Becky Waschura
Nancy Lewis
Emily Sarver
Christine Brochon
Ruth Baltay
Kris Taylor
Andrew Theiss
Emily Kruger
Audrey Baker
Jeanne McCarthy
Michael McCarthy
Holly

Woodside MESA/AVID students
Woodside HS Leadership students
Octagon Club students

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A Special Thanks to –

Those who came to our planning meetings:

Team 100 Team 114 Team 115 Team 192 Team 253
Team 254 Team 376 Team 604 Team 668 Team 692
Team 766 Team 846 Team 852 Team 997 Team 1072
Team 1120 Team 1351 Team 2135 Team 2141 Team 2144
Team 2159 Team 2204

And to Teams who took part in loading, unloading, setup, and tear down:

Thursday Afternoon, September 27th
Team 1868

Thursday Afternoon, October 11th
Team 114 Team 254 Team 668 Team 2144 Team 2204

Friday Morning, October 12th
Team 692 Team 852 Team 997

Friday Afternoon, October 12th
Team 100 Team 115 Team 253 Team 256 Team 581 Team 604 Team 852 Team 1351

Friday Evening, October 12th
Team 766 Team 840 Team 846 Team 852 Team 1072

Saturday Evening, October 13th
Team 701 Team 973 Team 980 Team 1280 Team 1458 Team 1516 Team 2141

Sunday Morning, October 14th
Team 192 Team 2159

Monday Afternoon, October 15th
Team 254

And another Special Thanks to –

Jill Wilker & Mark Edelman of Playing At Learning for supporting our event with supplies, with advice, with time,
and enthusiasm.

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AFTERWORD

This is my fourth year serving as Manager of the Northern California Robot Games. I have worked with numerous volunteers, individuals, and teams for our events. But believe it or not, I've always felt a disconnection with the teams, especially in the first two years. There were too many faces to greet, too many stories to tell, and too little time.

I feel that they don't know who I really am, and I don't know who they really are. And without a clear understanding between us, how can I explain to them the list of tasks that must be done to have our event? Without a continuous line of communication, how can the WRRF Board of Directors explain that they also need help at the higher level of the organization? And how can the teams tell us they are stretched thin because they have a hard time raising funds and gathering support?

But we have to understand each other because the world is changing too rapidly. There are too many new technologies and we are flooded with too much information. The world is moving too fast, we are struggling to catch up, and traditions and wisdoms that could have taught us what's truly important are left behind untold and unheard.

Our kids are finding it difficult to understand the relevancy and application of what they learn in school. They are ill-prepared for the future. So, we have to work together. We have to sit down together and say, "Here is the problem, here is what we can do to make things better, and we need to do this, this, this, and that to make it happen".

Imagine what you can do with a large group of people. Imagine what you can do with a lot of teams. Imagine what you can do with 27 teams from Northern California, 2 teams from Southern California, and 1 team from Oregon.

Take a moment to think about what we accomplished last weekend. We finished setting up the pit area and the playing field by 10:30pm Friday night. We had 30 teams ready to compete Saturday morning. We finished matches on time, completed the Awards Ceremony by 5pm, and finished packing up by 7:30pm. This was the perfect CalGames I've dreamed of for the past 5 years.

Every team was a part of the planning process. Every team did something to make this happen. Let it be known that West Coast teams can put together an off-season event just as good as Battle Cry at WPI, and IRI in Indiana!

For 6 months, we were a team, a community, and a family. And I am honored to be a part of this family. I don't know if this will happen again in the next few years, the next decade, or the next century, but in a single burst of purpose and determination, we were able to set aside our differences, come to an understanding with each other, and gather at Woodside High School last weekend to celebrate our hopes and promises.

I am so proud of all the work we put in this year. I am so proud to be a part of this community. I hope you are too. Thank you so much for everything.

Yours truly,
Ken Leung
07' CalGames Manager