

2708 Robotics – Year at a Glance – 2019-2020

Sept

- Pre-season starts / first parent meeting - info shared on School Messenger, email, Facebook
- Team meetings on Mon evenings at KCVI (typically 5pm until 8 or 9pm)
- Fundraising: ice cream, clothing orders

Oct

- Pre-season continues - Monday evening meetings at KCVI
- Ice cream order forms due Oct 21 *at the latest*. Clothing order forms due November 1. Both go to Mr Wartman. He prefers paper copies, not email.
- Team will travel to Rochester NY for Rah Cha Cha Ruckus Oct 26th (**PASSPORTS needed**).

Nov

- Pre-season continues - Monday evening meetings at KCVI
- Frontenacs fund-raiser - November 8th game - sell tickets through online link: <http://bit.ly/lakeeffectfronts>
- Tell Mr Wartman your reservation numbers for Boston Pizza by Nov 23, 2019.

Dec

- Pre-season continues - Monday evening meetings at KCVI
- Next parent meeting likely early December (or late November) - TBD
- Boston Pizza fund-raiser + silent auction + celebrity serve - date: Dec 8, 2019. *Let Mr Wartman know your reservation numbers by Nov 23, 2019.*

Jan

- Build season starts - launch weekend is Jan 4-5, 2020 (10am-6pm each day)
- Team meetings to build are typically Mon, Weds and Fri evenings (5-10pm), Sat (10am-5pm).
- Meetings are often off-site. Parents sign up to supply meals for the entire team (~40 ppl).

Feb

- Build season continues - Mon, Weds, Fri evenings, Saturday all day - other days/evenings may be required - stay tuned to our communications channels (including Discord).
- Parents sign up to supply means for the entire team.

Mar

- Competition season - team will travel to at least two competitions in Ontario - see back of sheet for info.
- Competition cost is approx \$200-\$350 per student per event (includes bus and hotel, extra money is often required for food).
- Fish fry fund-raiser TBD.

Apr

- Competition season continues - team *may* go to Provincials / Worlds - TBD.
- Locations TBD - cost is approx \$250-350 per student per event (includes bus / hotel, extra money required for food - passports may be needed for Worlds).

May - Jun

- Post-season: Team often invited to Fun Fairs, Science Rendez-Vous, other events locally
- Clean-up at offsite location; potential for other fund-raisers, sponsor thank-you events, etc.
- Summer events may include drive practice, camping, BBQ, potluck, etc.

Some useful information and resources:

Facebook group is called “Parents of 2708 Robotics” – be sure to join if you are on Facebook. We’re friendly. 😊

Want to receive information by email? Sign up on the sheets and/or send your email address to lisa.sansom@gmail.com. Emails will come out sporadically depending on need and time of year.

Be sure to sign up for the 2708 “group” on School Messenger. Use code X8X7N5.

Cheques must be made out to KCVI for all fund-raisers, clothing orders, field trips, etc.

Students tend to communicate via Discord – ask them what’s on there occasionally. This can be where they coordinate informal gatherings. Mr. Wood is also on Discord – things are civil and appropriate there.

Keep up with the team at their website: <http://lakeeffectrobotics.ca/>. This site is useful for things like:

- Permission forms
- Team history
- Information about FRC
- Social media links

Keep up with competitions and schedules at <https://www.thebluealliance.com/> - you can search by our team number 2708 to learn about what competitions they are attending, what is happening in real time during competitions (live streams), team statistics, etc.

Learn more about FIRST at <https://www.firstinspires.org/>. Team 2708 (Lake Effect Robotics) competes in FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition).

- Be sure to “register” for an FRC account.
 - Go to the home page and click “register” up in the top right-hand corner.
- This will allow you to log in and see your Dashboard.
- You will need to ensure that your child is registered as well:
 - As a parent: add and manage your own dependent youth; including applying your youth to a team, signing Consent & Release form(s), or accepting an invite to connect to your youth's account from your youth. As a 13+ youth: apply to a team and invite your parent guardian to join and sign Consent & Release form(s).
 - Fill out the Youth profile, if needed.
 - Complete the information about the Youth’s school, if needed.
 - Apply to the 2708 team.
 - Confirmation will be done by the coach, so it may indicate that everything is “pending”.
 - Complete the Consent & Release form (can all be done online).
- **As the parent, you MUST log in to e-sign the 2020 FIRST Consent & Release form or else your child cannot participate in FIRST Robotics competitions.**

As of Sept 30, the team has applied for competitions on **March 13, 14, 15 in Ottawa (CONFIRMED)** and March 20, 21, 22 at York U (TBC). March Break is March 16-20 inclusive. On March 27th, students will be judges and helpers at St. Lawrence College for the Limestone Skills Competition. It is expected that students will be available to help out.