



# River Valley BEST 2015

Middle, Junior High and High School Robotics Competition  
 October 16 & 17, 2015

Campus Center, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith  
**Volunteer Sign-up Form – Due by Oct. 8**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State Zip

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All volunteers will be provided with an event T-shirt (to be returned to the volunteer coordinator) that should be worn at Friday and Saturday events: S M L XL XXL XXXL Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you volunteered for any BEST competition before?  YES  NO If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the one that best describes your affiliation:

- College Student  High School Faculty/employee – Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
 University Faculty/employee  Business/corporation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all the positions that you would be willing to volunteer :**

Rate Choice 1, 2, 3	Category (see descriptions below)	Volunteers Needed	Location	Day	Time
	Field Set-up for Kick-off	3	UA Fort smith Old Gym/Fitness Center	Saturday, Sep. 5 (form needed by Aug. 25)	10:00 am
	Field Set-up for practice	3	UAFS Baldor 108	Saturday, Oct.10 (form needed by Sep. 22)	10:00 am
	Referee*	12	Stubblefield Center	Saturday, Oct. 17	7:00am – 5:00 pm
	Compliance Check in Pit Crew*	10	Stubblefield Center	Friday, Oct. 16 Saturday, Oct. 17	3:00pm - 6:00 pm 7:00am – 5:00 pm
	Registration/Information Desk (see times below)	7	Stubblefield Center	Saturday, Oct. 17	6:00am – 5:00 pm
	Hospitality (see times below)	11	Stubblefield Center Hospitality room	Saturday, Oct. 17	6:00am-5.00 pm
	Scorekeeping and Clock Operation*	5	Stubblefield Center	Saturday, Oct. 17	7:00am – 5:00 pm
	Field Set Up	10	Stubblefield Center	Friday, Oct. 16	10:00 am
	Field Tear down			Saturday, Oct. 17	3:30pm-5:00 pm

\*Requires attendance at training session

**Hospitality and Registration Sign-up Times:**

Saturday, Oct. 17

**Hospitality:**

- 6:00am – 9:00am (4 needed)  6:30am – 10:00am (3 needed)  
 9:00am – 1:00pm (4 needed)  10:00am – 1:30pm (2 needed)  
 1:00pm – 4:00pm (3 needed)  1:30pm – 4:30pm (2 needed)

**Registration:**

Mail, fax, or email *this* form back by **Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015** to: Kerrie Taber, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, Baldor Building Room 119A , 5210 Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, AR., 72913-3649, Fax: 479-424-6707, Phone: 479-788-7707, Email [kerrie.taber@uafs.edu](mailto:kerrie.taber@uafs.edu).

## **Volunteer Job Descriptions**

Volunteers will be interacting with parents, students and teachers from the local River Valley BEST Hub. Volunteers should put their best foot forward and be helpful, friendly, and overall good stewards of The City of Fort Smith and the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. Keep in mind that these students and mentors have worked very hard to participate. This is the local event that will lead to the regional Frontier Trails event in Fort Smith on December 4-5, 2015. A hospitality room is provided at the Stubblefield Center on Saturday of the competition where meals, snacks, and beverages will be provided for event volunteers, judges and corporate sponsors only. Due to budget constraints we cannot accommodate guests of volunteers or judges. We thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer to help with this worthwhile program. We guarantee you'll have a blast!

### **\*Referees**

Approximately 40 + three-minute matches will be played throughout the day of the competition. The Robotics portion of the competition is similar to many sporting events in that it requires referees to oversee all head-to-head matches between robots. Four referees are needed during each match, plus one "Game Head Referee" to resolve any scoring discrepancies that may arise. Additional referees will be needed to rotate periodically and give each other breaks throughout the day. **Referees will be required to wear a color coordinated t-shirt for each referee position.** Referees must be very familiar with the game rules, so some training sessions will be required early in the week of the competition. Rules for this year's challenge, "Pay Dirt", can be found at the **BRI** website, [www.bestinc.org](http://www.bestinc.org) .

### **\*Pit Crew**

The Pit Crew works with the Pit Bosses, to cover the following jobs:

- Oversee the robot repair tables
- Stage the teams prior to each match
- "Police" the pit area of the floor to ensure that adults are not repairing broken machines
- Help with set-up and break-down of the pit area
- Help with compliance check-in of robots on Friday evening and Saturday morning prior to the competition

The Pit is a very busy and important part of the competition. A well-organized and sufficiently manned pit will ensure smooth transitions of teams entering and leaving the playing field throughout the day. A training session will be required early in the week of the competition.

### **Registration/ Information Desk**

All participating teams and volunteers must register (check-in) upon arrival at the Stubblefield Center. In addition, the Registration/Information desk will be the main site for those in attendance to ask questions about the day's events. See time blocks on the sign-up form.

### **\*Scorekeeping and Clock operation**

Scorekeepers should be number oriented and comfortable with computers (particularly Excel spreadsheets) and willing to work in a fast-paced environment! The clock operators are responsible for keeping time of each 3-minute match. A training session will be required early in the week of the competition.

**\*Volunteers must commit to a scheduled mandatory training/information session, color coded event t-shirts will be distributed at this meeting. You will be contacted with the date/time by each area's lead person.**