

# SILICON VALLEY REGIONAL SITE INFORMATION

March 12-14, 2009

## Event Location

The Event Center

San Jose State University

One Washington Square, 290 South 7th Street

San Jose, CA 95192-0201

**NOTE:** The Event Center will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes.

<http://www.sjsu.edu/>

<http://www.sanjose.org>

<http://www.firstsv.org>

## Directions to San Jose State University Event Center

**From Oakland: 17 (880) Southbound:** Exit 17 (880) at 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Turn left at the off-ramp. Follow 1<sup>st</sup> Street south to Hedding Street. Turn left on Hedding and follow to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Follow 10<sup>th</sup> Street to East San Salvador and turn right. Follow East San Salvador to 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**From Walnut Creek/Concord/Pleasanton/Sacramento: 680 Southbound:** 680. It becomes 280 at 101. Follow 280, and take the 7<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Turn right at the off-ramp and follow 7<sup>th</sup> St.

**From Salinas/Monterey: 101 Northbound:** From 101 take 280 north. Follow 280 for approximately 1 mile, and take 7<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Turn right at the off-ramp and follow 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**From Santa Cruz: 880 (17) Northbound:** Exit 17 (880) at 280 south (Downtown San Jose). Follow 280 for about 5 miles and take the 7<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Turn left at the light from the off-ramp.

**From Morgan Hill/Gilroy: 101 Northbound:** From 101, take 280 North. Follow 280 for approximately 1 mile and take the 7<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Turn right at the off-ramp and follow 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**From San Francisco: 101 Southbound:** Exit 101 at Guadalupe Parkway. Continue on Guadalupe Parkway then take the San Carlos Street exit. Turn left on San Carlos and follow to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right and follow 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Directions from event site:

These links will provide you with the map to the Event Center and the Student Union:

[http://www.union.sjsu.edu/maps\\_and\\_directions/main\\_campus\\_map.html](http://www.union.sjsu.edu/maps_and_directions/main_campus_map.html)

[http://www.union.sjsu.edu/maps\\_and\\_directions/directions.htm](http://www.union.sjsu.edu/maps_and_directions/directions.htm)

The floor plans of the Student Union building can be accessed through this site (The Loma Prieta is the Barret and Umunhum Ballrooms combined):

<http://www.union.sjsu.edu/SU/maps/3rdlevel.htm>

## Site Restrictions

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.

### **Please:**

- **Do not bring food** on the site. If you bring food, do not bring it onto the property.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as whistles or air horns.
- **Do not save seats.** It is not fair to other teams or to the public guests we hope to interest as team sponsors or volunteers.
- **Do not ship robots directly to the site.** All shipments go through the Drayage Company.
- **Do not arrange for Internet access** on the site or bring free phone lines for same.

- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts, or any promotional products.
- **Do not give out any free food products,** such as candy, water, soft drinks, or fruit. You may trade team pins, however.
- **Do not use helium tanks.**
- **Do not bring live bands** to play in the audience. This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team's Pit Station will be shut off and/or the music confiscated.
- **Do not run in the venue.**
- **Open-toed shoes are not allowed.**

## ***FIRST* Consent Form Revisions Overview**

*FIRST* has revised the Consent and Release Form with several goals in mind: 1) simplifying the process by creating a unified form; 2) collecting participant data to make it possible to conduct more effective outreach and marketing to alumni; 3) and give *FIRST* the capacity to conduct regular follow-up studies of its participants in order to better demonstrate impact. This information is critical to *FIRST* because it will provide a roadmap for the organization, guide program implementation and management, and communicate more confidently the impact to schools, sponsors and other groups. In order for *FIRST* to quantitatively state that our programs are positively impacting participating students, corporations, schools and communities we need to collect information on the individual level. The Consent Forms are the only place where *FIRST* collects that type of information.

The goal of the *FIRST* Consent Forms is to ensure the following:

- To get consent and release of liabilities due to harm and/or injury for *FIRST* and *FIRST*'s "Cooperating Entities"
- To grant *FIRST* the right to use participant's likeness during the participation in *FIRST* events
- To ensure that agents of *FIRST* and on behalf of *FIRST* can collect and analyze information for us
- To grant *FIRST* the right to contact the Parent/Guardian and participants at a later time for evaluation and/or announce other benefits like alumni outreach efforts

Because we are dealing with youth and youth information, *FIRST* must be in compliance with the US Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (under the age 13) and the Canadian Online Protection Act

**The following form is the only acceptable *FIRST* form for the 2009 FRC events. Remember to bring your completed forms, for all the persons on your team, to your initial competition event**

## 2008-09 CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS

Program: FRC\_\_\_\_ FTC\_\_\_\_ FLL\_\_\_\_ JFLL\_\_\_\_ Kickoff \_\_\_\_\_ Event(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Team# \_\_\_\_\_

Role:  Mentor  Team Leader  Student Participant  Volunteer  Supporters

This is a Consent and Release of Rights in favor of the United States Foundation For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, and its officers, directors, employees, successors and assigns ("FIRST"), as well as entities designated and approved to assist FIRST in managing, contracting, sponsoring, hosting, conducting, evaluating or publicizing (including individuals and entities working with FIRST in print, publication, television, broadcast or video media) FIRST's programs ("FIRST's Cooperating Entities") including any and all FIRST Place, the FIRST LEGO® League ("FLL"), Junior FIRST LEGO League ("JFLL") FIRST Tech Challenge ("FTC"), and FIRST Robotics Competition ("FRC") Events (the "FIRST Events"). As used below, "Participant" means any individual, student, mentor, teacher, or volunteer involved in a FIRST event. (Mascots, cheerleaders, and band squads ("Supporters") not only attending but participating in a FIRST Event should also sign this Consent Form.) In consideration of accepting my participation in one or more FIRST Events, I agree to the following:

I hereby grant to FIRST, to FIRST's Cooperating Entities, and to the press and media admitted into FIRST Events the right to photograph, videotape, or otherwise digitally collect my likeness, voice and sounds (as "Works") during my participation at the FIRST Event(s). I acknowledge the Works to be works made for hire, and otherwise irrevocably assign and grant to FIRST and to FIRST's Cooperating Entities all rights in these Works and the right to use or sublicense these Works and my name, likeness and biography, in FIRST's discretion, in all media and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for FIRST or the FIRST's Cooperating Entities, without any further consideration to me or any limitation whatsoever. It is a FIRST policy not to print a minor's name with his/her picture without specific permission from his/her parent or guardian.

There are risks inherent in participating in FIRST Events, including the risks inherent in the construction of robots and LEGO structures, as well as in working with electrical connections, traveling to and from events, and participating in public competitions. These risks include the risk of bodily harm (including without limitation, death) and property damage. Being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in an Event, I hereby assume those risks. Except to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FIRST or FIRST's Cooperating Entities, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION which I may now or hereafter have against FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities arising in connection with my participation in any FIRST Event, and I will indemnify and hold harmless FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities against any and all claims resulting from such participation, including, without limitation, claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever.

In the event I should sustain injuries or illness while involved in an FIRST Event, I hereby authorize FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and medications I may bring as may be necessary under the circumstances, to include treatment by a physician or hospital of FIRST's or FIRST's Cooperating Entities' choice.

This Release shall be binding upon my heirs, my personal representatives and assigns, and me and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, which shall be the venue for any legal action. This Release constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Release and supersedes any and all such previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral.

FIRST strongly believes in confidentiality of all contact information. FIRST promises that it will not rent, sell or distribute this contact information to any organization other than those directly involved in the operation and support of FIRST programs. FIRST will be using the personal contact information provided here as part of its participant database and to contact the FIRST participant and/or the participant's guardian as part of its research, program evaluation, or alumni outreach efforts, or other related outreach activities as they may occur.

Unless I check this box  to remove my consent, I hereby grant to FIRST the right to use the personal contact information provided here for FIRST's research, program evaluation, alumni efforts and/or other outreach activities.

**I understand that this form involves a release of legal rights.**

Participant Name [Print Clearly] \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_ (F)

Date of Birth: Month: \_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_ Ethnicity (optional):  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic

Race: (optional)  African-American  Asian/Pacific Islander  Native American/Alaskan  White  Multiple races

For Participants under the age of eighteen (18) years listed above: I hereby consent and agree to the above on Page 1 (one) as the Parent/Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (minor's name), in which case "I", "me" and "my" as used herein shall refer to said minor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

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Print Parent or Guardian Name