

TEAM UPDATES

May 9, 2008



EARLIER START TIME FOR 2008

We will be starting the competition matches earlier this year with **our first FRC match beginning at approximately 8:15AM!** This is much earlier than prior years and we're doing this in an effort to make sure that every team is able to participate in the maximum number of matches this year. Key issues we will cover in a future update is how to make sure you can find the Monty Madness location without getting lost and how you can bring your robot to the event location the afternoon/evening before.

COLLEGE FAIR AT MONTY MADNESS

We will be presenting a College Fair from 10AM to 1:30PM this year. Ten colleges have already having confirmed their attendance. If you know of colleges that might be interested in participating, please ask them to visit our website or email us at collegefair@montymadness.org

FOOD PRE-ORDERING

This year we will introduce pre-ordering of lunch items for the convenience of pre-paying either by check or Visa/MasterCard. We anticipate having the forms available on our website within a week of this email.

ANNOUNCING VIDEO CHALLENGE

As we're always trying something new each year, we are announcing the 2008 Monty Madness Video Challenge. Since each team must find ways of promoting themselves each year, often to locate new sponsors, we have an idea on how to get a head start on your 2009 publicity strategies. Put together a 45 second video commercial for your team and enter it in our competition. All videos will be played between matches during the Monty Madness event, and the Monty Madness Best Team Presentation Award will be given to our winner. We'll send out to you some simple requirements for the video very shortly. So start thinking about your team commercial – there's not much time!

ADVERTISING IN OUR EVENT PROGRAM

Once again, we are offering very inexpensive advertising to organizations within our Event Program. Go to http://www.montymadness.org/downloads/MM_Program_Ads_2008.pdf for more information.

FIRST TECH CHALLENGE (FTC) RETURNS TO MONTY MADNESS

Once again this year. FTC teams will hold a small Scrimmage at Monty Madness. Teams will compete this year's Quad Quandary FTC Game, along with an Extreme Version of Quad Quandary later in the day. Plans for the event include a lunchtime discussion of the new FTC platform, as well as a possible Skills Competition using the existing robot platform. FTC teams that are interested in participating should email Vince Frascella at vincent.frascella@montymadness.org. Team slots are limited.

MONTY MADNESS VOLUNTEERS

We're always looking for volunteers for Monty Madness. We have employed approximately 110 volunteers in each of our prior years to run the event and we're still looking to fill our ranks for May 31, 2008. Anyone interested in volunteering, please let them know to fill out our volunteer form at our website or by emailing us at volunteers@montymadness.org