



Emerald Coast BEST Robotics

The University of West Florida hosts the Emerald Coast BEST Robotics hub, the only BEST hub in the State of Florida. Last year's event was held in the UWF field house on Saturday, October 23, 2010. **Total Recall** was the theme, focusing on environmental sustainability. Nineteen teams from middle and high schools in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Bay, and Jackson counties participated in the competition. Team members included 600 students and estimated attendance was more than 1,000.

This year's event, *BUGS*, is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011

Best Robotics Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization. The mission of BEST is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in a sports-like, science and engineering-based robotics competition each fall. No fees are paid by students or schools participating in BEST robotics. Hub operations are funded entirely by corporate and individual sponsorships paid to the hub.

Each BEST project is designed to teach teamwork, problem solving, project management, and pride in task completion within the constraints of a short time period and limited material resources. This program pits teams from middle and high schools across the region in head-to-head competition. Each student team has 6 weeks to design and build a remote-controlled robot to solve a problem or perform a specific function. Students build their robots from a materials kit provided by the hub. Each team is judged on its robot performance, oral presentation, table display, project notebook, spirit, and sportsmanship. For additional information about BEST Robotics, visit <http://uwf.edu/ecbest>. For additional information about the local BEST competition hub contact Michelle Lockhart at mlockhart@uwf.edu.

2011 BEST Competition Schedule:

Kickoff

Saturday, September 17, 2011 12:30 - 4:00 PM, UWF Field House. The playing field will be unveiled, Game Rules will be released and material kits will be distributed to team representatives.

Practice Driving: Saturday, October 22, 2011 Noon to 4:00 PM, UWF HLES Facility.

Competition: Saturday, October 29, 2011, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, UWF Field House.



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Giving and Recognition Levels

Gift Level	Donation Amount	Recognition
Premier	≥\$15,000	Recognition afforded Diamond level plus “sponsored by” status in all advertising for the hub <input type="checkbox"/> Company name or logo on event t-shirts, etc.
Diamond	\$10,000 - \$14,999	Recognition afforded Platinum level plus <input type="checkbox"/> Company name or logo on event t-shirts, etc.
Platinum	\$5,000 - \$9,999	Recognition afforded Gold level plus <input type="checkbox"/> Company-provided banner hung in field house <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciation plaque
Gold	\$2,500 - \$4,999	Recognition afforded Silver level plus <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciation certificate
Silver	\$1,000 - \$2,499	Level recognition in game day program and on web site <input type="checkbox"/> Company-provided ad in game day program
Bronze	\$500 - \$999	Level recognition in game day program and on website
BEST Friends	<\$500	Level recognition in game day program

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 _____ Judge the competition

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