



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for supporting your student to attend the Nebraska Robotics Expo this year! The expo will be on Saturday, February 16th at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, NE. In case of a weather cancellation the expo will be re-booked for the following Saturday, February 23th. There are several details for the museum outlined for you below:

1- Paperwork (Before the Event):

Image Release Form:

Your student will bring you a signed consent form stating that it is all right for the University of Nebraska to post any photos that may be taken of them during the expo on the UNL Nebraska Robotics Expo website. **We encourage you to fill this form out for your student and return it to school before the event.** If the form is not completed and returned by your student, you will need to sign and complete the form the morning of the event at registration.

Malone & Company Talent Form:

This is the second consent form that you will be asked to sign stating that it is all right for your student to be filmed by the Nebraska Loves Public Schools group who will be filming during the event to create a short documentary about the CEENBoT™ Showcase. Their mission is to show great work going on in Nebraska public schools: <http://www.nelovesps.org/>. If your student enters the event without a signed form, they will be asked to put on a wristband at registration to indicate to the camera crew that they are not to be filmed. If you do give your consent, **we encourage you to fill this form out for your student and return it to school before the event.** Extra forms will be available at the registration desk.

2- Arrival: (Welcome to the 4th Annual Nebraska Robotics Expo!)

You may enter the museum at 7:30 with your child for registration. You will have an hour to get things set up, with opening ceremonies starting at 8:30AM. The CEENBoT Showcase teams will have photos with the Governor from 9:00 – 9:30AM, after opening ceremonies. Your child's teacher will have teams lined up when they first arrive to ensure your child is able to get their photo taken. We will take as many photos as possible in this time slot, respecting the Governor's time.

When you enter the museum, the space to your immediate right is a holding area for teams to gather. Registration will occur behind the main desk and to the right for CEENBoT Showcase.

All team participants are allowed free admission. Anyone who is not a participant, team leader, or volunteer will need stop and pay admission to the museum. Siblings and family members of participants will need to pay museum admission.

SASM Museum Admission

Adult \$12

Senior \$11 (65+)

Act/Retired Military \$11

Children \$6 (ages 4 – 12)

Single membership \$40

Military family membership \$50

Family Package \$75

Arrival/Departure Note: **All traffic in and out of the museum must go through the front entrance.** The back door of Hangar A's alarm will be activated, so you cannot go out this door.

3- Parking:

Car-pooling is strongly recommended!

Parking spots are on a first come, first serve basis. Plan to arrive early to get a spot. The back lot reserved for volunteers and sponsors. Your options are the front lot and possible side parking (depending on snow levels and frozen ground) along the road, and overflow parking at Mahoney.

We will have additional parking set up at Mahoney with a shuttle from the museum, and cost per car to park at Mahoney is \$4.00. If you have a state park pass you may park for no charge.

4- Food:

Breakfast – Limited breakfast items will be available in the SASM Plane Food restaurant.

Lunch –

Sandwich lunch options are being provided this year by SASM for our event, with a pre-order option and a limited number of lunches available on site. The museum will also have their everyday food options available in the Plane Food restaurant, which includes hot pizza. **Note: Cash or check only.** Sandwich options include choice of a ham, turkey, roast beef or veggie sandwich, hot grilled hamburger or veggie burger, with chips, cookie and drink for \$7.25.

For those who purchased a **pre-ordered lunch**, you may eat anytime between 11:30AM and 1:30PM in the Restoration Hangar. You will need to go to the Restoration Hangar to pick up lunch, and are free to eat it at the tables there, or take it back to Hangar A. You may also bring your own lunch, and you may eat anywhere tables are set up. There will be tables and additional seating available in the Team areas and in the atrium area.

Please Note: No fast food deliveries (pizza, sandwiches, etc.) may be made to the museum. This causes a great deal of confusion at the front entrance and the museum asks that no delivery orders be placed. We also ask everyone to please dispose of all trash in your area before leaving the museum.

Snacks - Snacks and drinks will be sold throughout the day at the entrance to Hangar A as a fundraiser by the UNL Student IEEE group.

5- Schedule:

The opening ceremony begins at 8:30AM, with a keynote by the Governor. For the CEENBoT Showcase, there is a program insert detailing times of events by team for your reference. Please arrive at event locations a few minutes early.

“Things to See and Do” at NRE 2013:

When your team has a break in their scheduled events, you are encouraged to explore all the features we have in place for more STEM exploration:

- 1- CEENBoT Robotics Games Booths in Hangar A this year features hands on robotics games that anyone can play to win buttons for participation. Participants and guests alike are encouraged to join in!
- 2- Educational Presentations in the main Theatre features a schedule of inspiring presentations from our corporate sponsors and exhibitors on real world applications and careers in STEM. Please feel free to attend the presentations that fit into your schedule and to encourage your students and family to attend the presentations as well.
- 3- Exhibitors set up along the Mezzanine of Hangar A provide both informational booths and hands-on exploration of robotics and STEM applications from medicine to mechatronics presented by professional STEM societies, non-profit, and educational organizations showcasing the many opportunities in STEM.
- 4- Creative and Visual Art Expo – 2nd Annual Event - features over 100 robotic-inspired works of art created by local students and art teachers! This year it is on display in the Traveling Exhibit located in the corridor outside of Hangar B, on the first level. The coordinator for this event, Tom Orange, will also be hosting free robotics drawing lessons in Hangar A! Look for a sign-up for this free offering.

6- Awards Ceremony:

The awards ceremony is scheduled to begin at 4pm, or following the final competition event. This is the time where the top scoring teams for each event and within each division will be recognized. All students who participate in the Showcase will also have the option to take home a participation ribbon at the end of the ceremony. Showcase ceremonies will wrap up promptly by 5pm.

7- T-Shirts:

Event T-shirts are available for \$11 (price includes tax) and should be ordered on or before January 31st for pick up prior to the Showcase. T-shirts may be ordered online at: <http://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/geartech21/res2013shirt.html> This is a fundraiser for the UNL IEEE student group. We encourage you to order t-shirts ahead of time. Only a limited quantity of t-shirts will be available for sale the day of event. At the Expo, IEEE will have a table set up next to the registration area for you to pick up your t-shirt order. ***Please bring a printout of your receipt for order verification.***

8- Museum Rules:

Please be advised to warn your student(s) about running in the museum, being extra careful around the low-hanging sharp objects with the planes, and no balls, balloons, silly string, nail polish, or other things that could either get caught in a plane or damage the museum floors.

Some of the sharp objects will be properly taped or covered, but it is impossible to cover all of them, and the Strategic Air and Space Museum is not responsible for any injury that may occur to attendees or participants in the expo.

THANK YOU for your help with the forms, and for being a part of the 2013 Expo!

Sincerely,

Alisa Gilmore, NRE/CEENBoT™ Showcase Coordinator and the NU SPIRIT Team

<http://www.ceen.unl.edu/CEENBoT/Showcase/>