



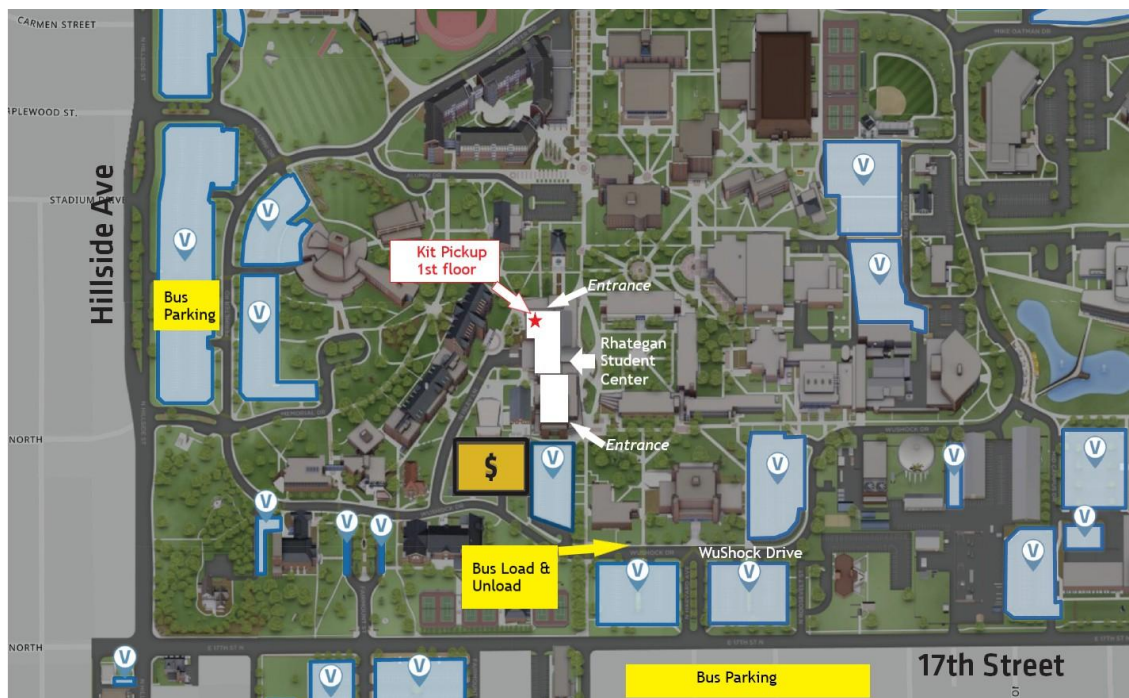
Kansas BEST Robotics

2025 Kickoff Logistics

OK Teams, Kickoff is just a few days away!

I am very excited to see you and reveal our game for 2025. Thought I should get some logistics out to you. This will be a bit different this year with the event at the Rhatigan Student Center (RSC)

Parking



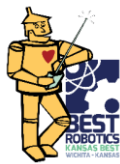
Parking is open on Saturday, so you may park in any of the lots. The picture above has the Visitor lots highlighted.

Many of the lots closest to RSC are cramped for a full size bus. So if you will be getting to the event in a full size bus, please take note of the bright yellow boxes. WuShock Drive that runs along the outside edge of the buildings has a bus loading/unloading cutout right in front of Elliot and Ahlberg Halls so you can stop there for a time and not impede other traffic. Parking during the event should be in one of the other indicated areas.

Agenda

We will start the event on the 3rd floor of the RSC at 9:00. There are several stairs and elevators to get there. We will be in the Ballroom at the south end of the 3rd floor.

The program will be posted on kansasbest.org. It is in draft at this time, a few changes will be made through next week. We will provide one printed program to each team at checkin. It will have a QR code to this link for anyone who wishes to look at the digital version. There will be QR codes posted in the Ballroom as well.



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We will do an introduction, and have a keynote speaker. Then we will have break-out sessions. These will be held in the Ballroom and rooms on the 2nd floor. Topics will be:

- Tips for building a robot
- Review of new controller hardware, and software
- Marketing presentation and Team Exhibits
- Critical Design Reviews

When those are over, everyone will meet back in the ballroom to see the new game revealed. You will get to see the game animation, some of the game field (probably 2 quadrants due to space), hear about the rules, and ask questions. Then we will close the presentations and you will get to pick up your kits.

Kit Distribution

You will want 2-4 people to collect all the kit components. We have done this a bit different this year. The big boxes are difficult to maneuver, and we had a lot of bottoms break out last year. So we have broken the kits down to these components:

1. Box (dimensions 6"x8"x12") of small consumable components
2. Modified pillow case bag that has the 12"x24" sheets of metal and plastics and the shorter metal rods. The pillow case is meant to not just keep these items together, but protect you from the sharp edges.
3. Igus kit - bagged components about 18" long
4. Plywood (2 sheets 2'x4') and PVC (2, 5' lengths) plus 3' all thread that are bundled together
5. Plastic bin with returnable kit

Then if your team purchased one of the new Vex kits, you can pick those up as well. They are each in a box, same size as #1 above.

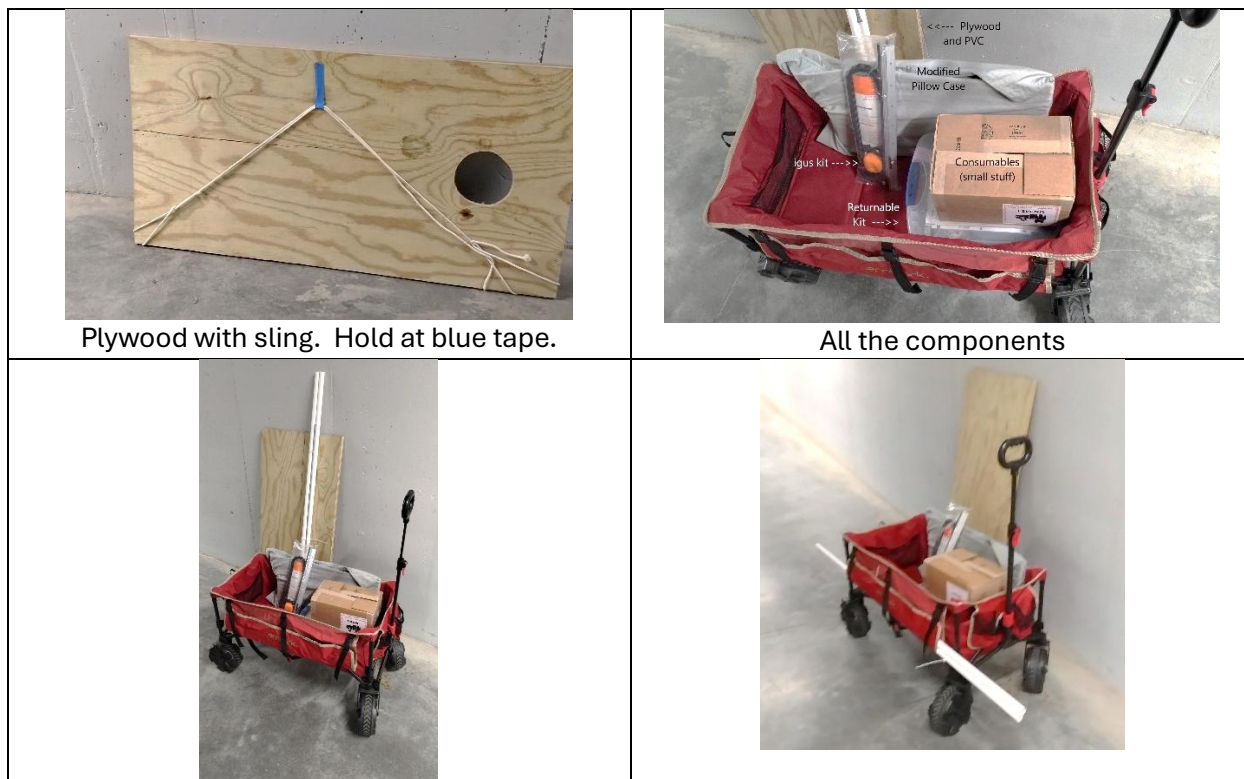
If you have a foldup wagon or a dolly/cart you might want to bring that along, because there will be a bit of a walk to get to your vehicles. We will have a couple onsite you can borrow as well.

The pictures here show all the components in my foldup wagon so you get an idea how big it is. I'll have some twine on hand as well so we can make a quick sling to help manage the plywood.



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After Kit Pickup

The restaurants in RSC will be open. You are welcome to visit them. Or take a trip through the art museum, or stroll about campus to see the sculptures. You can also go over to the Innovation Campus and do a walking tour of John Bardo Center, where you can find the Innovation Project Hub and GoCreate.

Links

- [WSU Interactive Map of the campus](#)
- [Rhatigan Student Center Business Hours](#)
- [Ulrich Museum of Art](#)
- [Martin H Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection](#)
- [RSC Map \(Shocker store and restaurants\)](#)
- [Braeburn Square \(adjacent to campus, corner of Oliver and 21st\)](#)
- [WSU Parking](#)