



Kansas BEST Robotics January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone!

Hope your holiday break was joyful and finds you ready to take on the new year. I am ready!



The 2024 competition theme was released at the end of the Regionals awards ceremony. We are going back to space!

The teaser video is at bestinc.org. It looks like a fun challenge! The Colorado School of Mines (new supporter of the Denver Regionals) has designed the game. Please take a look. You can use this for recruiting your team for next year, talking to your administration and parents, etc.

Congratulations to all our teams participating in the 2023 game Incision Decision. I really am sorry we weren't able to have the cameras and tablets working to any kind of usable state. If it is any consolation, we were not the only ones that couldn't conquer that aspect. I think everyone did a great job, very creative approaches and excellent sportsmanship on display.

Our representatives at Denver Regionals were: Kapaun Mt Carmel, Garden City, Wichita Homeschool, and for their first time to Regionals, Rock Creek. They did a fantastic job. If you want to see all the awards from Denver Regionals, [click here](#).

Kits

For those teams that participated in the 2023 competition, we will need your returnable kits back. Our official return date is Jan 30, but if you wish to hold onto the kit thru the end of spring semester, we can accommodate that. You need to let me know this before Jan 30 to avoid incessant emails and other reminders! You can email me at linda.manfull@bestinc.org.

You have options for returning your kits

- Return to WSU College of Engineering. You can drop off your kits at the reception desk of the Dean's office. This is in Partnership 2 (P2) building just north of GoCreate on 17th street between Oliver and Hillside.
- Ship it to us. There should have been an adhesive return label in the packet you received at Game Day. If you do not have that, here is one that you can print and attach to a box and ship it back. There should also be mailing instructions on the inside of the lid of the bin for the kit.



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*Atten: College of Engineering, Kansas BEST Robotics Returnable kit,
Partnership 2, A123*

- Contact Linda if you need assistance getting the kit back to us.

Please return the kit in its original bin. You should check to see that everything on the inventory list (attached) is included. If anything is not functional, please mark it with tape so that we can replace or repair as necessary.

[Kit Upgrade Status](#)

I still do not have details about plans for upgrading the control platform. I understand they are down to 2 options and are working with some teams in Texas to make final selection (retro fitting their robots from Incision Decision and having some practice). I will keep you posted

[Survey](#)

I believe participating teams for 2023 have received a request to complete a survey. I look at all the information from that, but if you have any other input, suggestions, complaints, challenges, anything you'd like to share with me, please feel free to send them. I really want to strengthen our hub and am open to new ideas. Please share with me.

Thanks so much. This is going out to a much larger distribution than just the teams from 2023. So if you are a potential new coach and have questions, I'll be glad to visit with you. We'd love to have you in the competition.



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We are considering a coach workshop at WSU this summer. I'd like to have it available as a Continuing Education credit, but I have to figure out what that takes. If you have interest in that, I'd like to hear from you. What month, day of week, etc. would work best? What topics would you be interested in? Do you think that would be interesting for you – or will you not attend? If you are a seasoned coach, would you be interested in helping develop and present?

Thanks for your time. I'll plan to get at least one of these out through the summer. If you want to be removed from distribution, let me know. If you know other teachers or potential coaches/mentors that would be interested, please feel free to forward this to them. All newsletters will be posted at kansasbest.org

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