



July 19, 2022

Hello everyone.

We now have 13 schools registered for this year's competition already! Welcome returning teams, and 2 new ones (highlighted in yellow)!

Team # and School Name

- #0384 Berean Academy
- #0371 Circle High School
- #0354 Council Grove High School
- #0360 Ellinwood High School
- #0370 Garden City High School
- #0355 Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School
- #0372 Rock Creek Jr./Sr. High School
- #0373 Solomon High School
- #0388 Stafford
- #0365 USD 394 - Rose Hill
- #0378 Valley Center High School
- #0381 Washburn Rural High School
- #0358 Wichita Homeschool

If you think you registered your school, but don't see it here, please visit the registry again and sign up. You should receive an acknowledgement via email when your request is completed successfully. You can contact me if you have issues or want me to check it.

We'd like to encourage the rest of you to register as soon as possible. There will be activities throughout the summer such as Simulink training, and some 30th Anniversary special events you won't want to miss out on.

Registration ends on August 13 (2 weeks before **Kickoff on August 27**) so you won't have a lot of time after school starts to get that done. We are accepting a max of 24 teams for this year.



There are now 10 weeks of [bESTology](#) articles posted. This is a great resource for your teams to build their research paper for the project notebook (a requirement for all teams). Getting familiar with the terminology and context will also help understand the game description when you see it on Kickoff Day.



No I didn't repeat my last header. This is a new national event that has been rolled out for the 30th anniversary of BEST. [BESTography](#) is a series of photography sharing campaigns. Awards will be presented to the best display for each category. Please check it out! We will be able to track participation on the leaderboard.

Teacher/Mentor Training

There are many recorded and printed resources in the File Manager of www.bestinc.org. In the navigation bar, click on '**Participants**', and then '**File Manager**'. The '**Public Resources & Training**' folder has a lot of information.

Also, Matlab/Simulink has sent this to us as a reminder of online training resources for teacher/coaches.

[MATLAB and Simulink Free Tutorials](#)

Calendar

Kickoff – August 27, 2022 @ WSU Hughes Metroplex (doors open at 8:30 am, presentation begins at 9:00 sharp)

Practice Day – October 8, 2022 @ WSU Heskett Center

Game Day – October 22, 2022 @ WSU Koch Arena

Kickoff Day

The agenda for Kickoff Day will be very similar to prior years. Doors will open at 8:30. Each team will need to check in. We will have sponsors in the lobby area that are interested in visiting with the teams, and usually have fun gifts to give away. The presentation will begin at 9:00. I'll send out details of the agenda closer to Kickoff, but I do want to let you know our keynote speaker will be in person this year (I know the speaker joining us via Zoom was difficult last year).

After we do the game reveal, we will give you additional time and access to the game field quadrants that we plan to have at the venue. The nature of the challenge this year

is such that we feel you will really benefit from having some additional time to interact with some of the components. We should still all be out of there by 1:00.

Sportsmanship is Back!

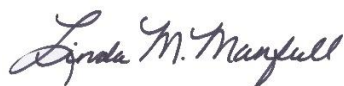
The hubs have access to the final rules now. But this year's rubrics have not been made available yet. We plan to have a breakout session at Kickoff for this subject since it has been on the shelf for a few years.

Mentors

Most teams will recruit mentors from their local faculty, parents, or industries. You as teacher/coaches know better what skills you can benefit from. We do however want to support you as best we can, even if it is having someone to connect with via email phone or virtual meeting. Be thinking about what skills you might need some additional support on, and let us know your needs. Our mentor coordinator is Coleen Thomas (coleen.thomas@bestinc.org). She is communicating with our sponsors and other connections to build a network of support.

I'll send a detailed agenda and instructions out a week before Kickoff. I hope you all have a great start to the new school year. We will talk soon.

Thank you,



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