

## WVRoX Q &A (based on questions we have received lately)

- *I want to remind our kids to register for the event and to get the release forms signed off, but I can't seem to find a link to the release forms on the event web site. Can you point me at this?*

When people register they get a link to the form, here it is for quick reference

<http://bit.ly/1KpVjd3>

- *If family members are planning on attending to cheer their kids on, do they need to register? If so, how should they do so? Is it acceptable for them to stay during the "lock down" period, or will only the teams be allowed during that time?*

We are expecting visitors from the public, so in that sense they are the public. Your question about staying through the lock-down period is a great one that we hadn't discussed. I think they can stay, but shouldn't use the "resting area" since they aren't on our registration list and therefore we don't have a record of them - a security thing for the kids.

- *Will additional meals be available for purchase? (We may have 4 coaches attending from our team, as well as some parents: if we'll need to make external arrangements for food, we can do so, but we'd like to be able to plan ahead.)*

Unfortunately no. There really isn't a concession area. However, the University has opened up a whole series of restaurants a few hundred steps away and we expect those to be open during the day on Friday. There are also lots of other restaurants and even a grocery store very close (list on the WVRoX website). The university only agreed to feed the students and 3 coaches/mentors.

- *Will snacks/drinks be available for purchase, or should we plan on bringing stuff in?*

See #3 above. I believe there are some vending machines, but that's it in terms of snacks inside the facility. There are designated snack times in the schedule in addition to meals.

- *Will event T-shirts be available for purchase?*

Yes, but it is best to purchase them ahead of time and pick them up at the event so we make sure to have enough. They are really nice this time. The link for purchase is the WVRoX website: <http://www.marsfirst.org/wvrox-2016/>

- *What is the inspection process for backup robots?*

Refs will give your backup robot a cursory inspection to make sure there bumper numbers, that it probably meets weight restrictions, and that there are no entanglement or damage hazards to other robots. Remember, this rule is to allow your team to still contribute to an alliance while your robot is being repaired. Teams using their backup robots to damage other robots will receive a red card. Some teams have asked about BBFC (beta bot fight club). If six teams are interested, we may run a single match after the finals with just backup robots and it will be every backup robot for themselves – so you can finally give a new answer that age old question “You mean like battle bots?”

- *Can my fans follow from home?*

Yep. Matches will be live streamed and we have integrated our Twitter and other social media feeds for the event. <https://www.facebook.com/wvrox/>

- *Should I bring my safety glasses?*

Of course! Bring them for your team and we will have some for guests – but don't leave yours at home. Closed toed shoes, etc. in the pit area as well. We think there should be a safety captain dance off in the middle of the night... just saying.

- *Which teams are coming?*

Right now we have 24 teams and a waitlist of about 6 teams. A few teams haven't registered their students completely so we aren't 100% certain they are coming. As soon as we get confirmation that they are, in fact, really coming, we will send out an updated team list.