

Re: Out of State Travel Request for FIRST Robotics

Date: January 07, 2009

Permission from the School Board is needed in order for students from Eau Gallie High School to compete at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics competitions. All expenses are paid from the robotics funds provided by corporate sponsorships, donations and fundraisers. There will be no cost to the district except for a substitute.

Students: Approximately 13 students will be attending.

Adults: Approximately 8 adults will be attending. There are both male and female chaperones. All adult mentors are properly fingerprinted and on file with the district, and parents/chaperones are listed as volunteers in the school system.

Food: Students will be eating at the hotel, nearby restaurants or at event concessions.

Permission: All documentation and permission forms will be on file, and an "Out of County" form is on file for the students who will be traveling.

Itinerary: A tentative itinerary is attached.

Palmetto Regional Competition at Clemson University, South Carolina

Dates: March 24-29, 2009 (leaving Tuesday at noon)

Transportation: Transportation to South Carolina will be through Amtrak. Transportation to and from the station in Kissimmee, FL will be by school-approved private vehicles, while transportation in South Carolina from the train station to the hotel (and back) will be provided by a state-approved Charter Bus company.

Housing: The team will be staying at a FIRST authorized hotel closest to the event. Students will be either walking or taking the free public bus transportation offered by Clemson University. If walking, they will travel on sidewalks away from traffic, with chaperones.

Palmetto Regional Tentative Itinerary

Tuesday, March 24 – Leave at noon from Melbourne, FL to arrive at Amtrak Station..

Wednesday, March 25 – Early morning arrival at Amtrak station; pick up by Charter Bus to be dropped off at hotel/Clemson University approx. 9 AM.
Morning/afternoon sightseeing trip of Clemson (Chamber of Commerce) and Clemson University. Arrive at hotel late afternoon.

Thursday, March 26 – 7:30 am – Team arrives at Clemson University. Pit Crew reports to pit area to uncrate robot, team reports to stands.
9:00 am to 6:00 pm - practice matches
Evening at hotel

Friday, March 27 – 7:30 am arrive at Clemson University for competition
9:30 am to 6:00 pm - Qualifying Matches
Evening at hotel

Saturday, March 28 - 7:30 am arrive at Clemson University for competition
9:00 am to noon - Qualifying Matches
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Elimination/Championship Matches
4:30 pm - Award Ceremony and Closing Ceremony
6 pm – check-out and board charter bus for late evening arrival for train

Sunday, March 29 – Leave early in the morning from SC Amtrak Station; arrive in Kissimmee, FL early afternoon. Arrive in Melbourne, FL approx. 1 ½ hours later.
