



FIRST Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a regional?
 - a. A FRC Regional or district event is where all the action happens! Competition, excitement, nerves, FUN. This is where every team will compete for various awards, acknowledgments and medals in hopes to gain entrance to the National Championship.
2. How long is the regional?
 - a. Regionals typically last 3- 4 days, and depending on where your team has registered to compete, will require overnight stays.
3. Where is the robot stored?
 - a. The robot, along with all other equipment your team decides to bring with you, will be kept in the pit. The pit is a rather small area, a 10x10 square area, sometimes smaller depending on the venue. However, it will never be smaller than an 8x8.
4. What is the timeline of a regional? What actually happens and when?
 - a. The night before competition begins, the team will be asked to attend "Load- In." This usually does not require the entire team. A select few, along with the coach will drop off the robot, and all other equipment (i.e. tools, batteries, spare parts, tables, etc.) into the pit area.
 - b. The next two days are focused on the robot competition. If you applied for the Chairman's Award, then your interview and presentation will also take place either the first or second day of the event.
 - c. The last matches take place on the third and final day of the competition. Alliance selection will follow, and the finals will begin to determine the winning alliance of the Regional.
5. What will I do at the Regional?
 - a. That is up to you, your mentors and your coach! There are a variety of different roles that need to be filled for your team to have a successful weekend. Most Teams have the following roles: Pit Crew (Drivers, Mechanics, Programmers, Public Relations, Safety), Scouting, Mascot, and Team Spirit.