

March 6, 2014

Subjects: Poster Contest, Team Competition Photographers, Midwest Regional Media Crew

Hello Teams!

What an exciting game Aerial Assist has proven to be! We at the Midwest Regional Planning committee are really excited, busy making plans, finalizing details and counting down the days until we see you at UIC Pavilion for another great Midwest competition.

Here are a few updates:

1. **Poster Contest:** *"You Design the Midwest Regional Poster" – Deadline extended*

Many workdays during the build season were lost so we decided to extend the deadline for submitting an entry in the poster contest has to **Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Midnight.**

Also teams may submit multiple entries, provided they are by different artists.

Winners will be notified on Friday, March 21, 2014. All other rules and guidelines still apply and can be found at - <http://www.ilfirst.org/frc/events/midwest-regional/poster-contest-and-event-flyer.html>

Be sure to check out the great Central Illinois Regional entries - <http://robotpostercontest.org/posterpage.html>

2. **Team Competition Photographer(s):** *New process this year*

One person per team will be allowed in the competition field area with their team to be the team photographer. On Thursday afternoon, April 3, identification badges along with a set of guidelines for the photographers will be issued. These badges must be worn in a visible location for field access, are yours to keep and are good for both Friday and Saturday, so don't lose them. You may rotate the photographers, but remember only ONE is allowed to come onto the field with the team and they MUST be wearing an identification badge.

3. **Midwest Regional Media Crew:** *NEW this Year!*

Student team members can become part of our new Regional Media Crew! Each day a different crew of three students will be issued special media passes that allows them to be Event Photographers / Videographers with the mission of capturing those special moments and highlights of the Midwest Regional.

The Media Crew for the day will meet before opening ceremonies, receive their assignments and their Media Pass for that day. In the late afternoon / early evening the Crew will meet again to turn in their photos / videos and discuss the day. Pictures will be used on the website, a linked photo sharing site, twitter and facebook. Photo / video credit will be given.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Midwest Media Crew -

- Submit three sample photographs by Monday, March 24, 2014 via email (as an attachment) to ilfrc4u@gmail.com with "MWR Media Crew" in the subject line.
- You must include in the body of the message:
 - Name, Team Name, Team Number
 - Name and email address of the Mentor Contact for the student(s) submitting.
 - Note – if you wish to submit a video, please include in the message a YouTube link where the video can be viewed.
 - Note - if you have a request for a specific day (Thurs, Fri, or Sat), please indicate which.
 - Those selected will be notified by e-mail on Friday March 28, 2014.
 - If you are chosen you **must** sign up in VIMS, under Midwest Regional, select "other" then type in MWR Media Crew under preferences.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Lori Hall at ilfrc4u@gmail.com.

GO TEAMS!

Midwest Regional Planning Committee
Gerry Smith, Chairman

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