

Hello Teams:

TEAM EMAIL BLAST # 3

REGIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Teams ... don't forget to let you local supporters know about this: **Palmetto Regional will be Web-cast.**

Go to the **Palmetto Website** at: www.myrtlebeachfirstrobotics.com . You will be able to access the live web-cast by clicking on the **"Watch Live"** tab on the home page of the website. We will be testing this tab late Thursday, **March 1st**...so it will be ready for Friday morning Opening Ceremonies. Please email our website URL to all appropriate audiences, noting how to access the web-cast.

2. Teams...View Load-In Video one more time at: www.myrtlebeachfirstrobotics.com under "Team News" Also, see Load-In Procedures (attachment #1).

3. Pre-order Lunch: As a reminder, I sent a new lunch pre-order form out last week. I have attached (attachment #2) a copy of that form for your use. Please note: Any checks that are sent for payment should be made out to the City of Myrtle Beach.

4. Don't forget to ask for "Help!" during the 2018 Palmetto Regional. **MARS Team 2614 will be running a "Tucker Teams" Help Desk at the regional which offers mechanical, electrical, and programming help to any team in need. They encourage teams to contact them at mars2614@gmail.com ahead of the competition with questions or specific requests for assistance. They'd also like to hear from other teams interested in supporting expansion of their help desk initiative to other regionals. **Help "Tucker Team" members will be located at the Pit Administration desk.****

5. Chairman's Exchange: MARS is also hosting a Chairman's Exchange during the Thursday lunch hour, for teams submitting for Chairman's or interested in submitting in the future. Participants are encouraged to share their Chairman's presentations and collaborate with other teams, and there will also be a general discussion about all the aspects of the Chairman's submission and tricks to being successful in non-technical areas of FRC. RSVPs to mars2614@gmail.com are encouraged, so they know how many cookies to purchase ;) On Thursday during the lunch hour, teams are invited to send a representative to attend a Chairman's Exchange collaborative. Please see attached flyer with additional information (attachment #3)

6. **SAFETY**, as always is our **top priority**. So, **just couple of reminders**.....Do not forget your **safety glasses**. Teams are required to provide all team members that will enter the Pits and/or playing field area approved safety glasses. This includes your load-in of your Robot and Pit materials on Wednesday and/or Thursday. **You must bring your own. We will not be issuing Safety Glasses for team members.** **Gloves**...make sure that those handling robots are wearing gloves to prevent "pinch point" and cut related injuries. And...as always...**closed toed shoes**. This year we will be utilizing **one additional safety advisors** that will be on the floor. Thank you for your cooperation.

Teams, we are looking forward to your visit and participation. This is going to be a great Regional. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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