

January 17, 2009

Dear Parents of Centerburg Robotics Club Members:

The 2009 Buckeye Regional FIRST Robotics Competition is scheduled for February 26-28 at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland. This is a Thursday through Saturday competition and will require any students attending to miss two days of class.

Wolstein Center
Cleveland State University
2000 Prospect Street
Cleveland, OH 44115
<http://www.csuohio.edu/wolsteincenter/>

We have made tentative reservations for the club at the Comfort Inn Downtown Cleveland, 1800 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115, for the nights of February 26 and 27. At this time, a block of nine rooms has been reserved with occupancy of four per room. They have been reserved at a price of approximately \$115 per night per room. This price includes parking at the hotel parking lot, applicable taxes and free continental breakfast in the morning. The Comfort Inn is approximately one block from the Wolstein Center and will be an easy walk.

The logistics of the trip require that we have an exact count of students planning to attend. Attendance is open to any active club member, as well as their parents and extended family. The cost per student will be \$40 towards their share of the hotel cost for both nights and whatever spending money for meals that you feel is appropriate.

We are requiring that any student wishing to attend will give a firm commitment to the club no later than February 7th. This commitment must be accompanied by a nonrefundable deposit of \$40 per person by cash or check payable to Centerburg Robotics Team. Families are welcome to attend as well. Families may take advantage of the discounted room rate, but we must have a firm commitment regarding the need for rooms by the same date of February 7th. After that date any families attending will be responsible for finding their own accommodations. Families wishing to take advantage of the group rate should notify the club and will be responsible for the entire cost of the room. Occupancy is four per room.

Thursday:

Breakfast- at home before leaving or in a sack on the way

Lunch - at Wolstein Center or nearby

Dinner – on your own

Friday

Breakfast - Free Continental Breakfast at Comfort Inn

Lunch - at Wolstein Center or nearby

Dinner of pizza (provided by the club)

Saturday

Breakfast - Free Continental Breakfast at Comfort Inn

Lunch - at Wolstein Center or nearby

Dinner – on your own stopping on the return trip

Food can be brought into the Wolstein Center if it is packaged discreetly, but there is a vendor's agreement at the Center and no coolers or obvious packaging can be carried in.

We anticipate leaving Centerburg around 5:00 a.m. on February 26th and returning sometime Saturday around 8:00 p.m. Transportation will be with your family or in private vehicles driven by parent chaperones. Any students not in high school cannot attend the competition without their parents.

All students will be required to submit an Emergency Medical Authorization form prior to leaving on the trip.