

The Rock River Off-Season Competition looks forward to seeing you at the competition. Listed below is lots of information about the competition. *If your team is unable to attend this event, please reply to this email ASAP to cancel your registration as we have many teams on the wait list.* If you find your team delayed morning of the competition, please contact Karen Hill, 815-742-0873.

#### Competition Time & Place

The Competition is at Rock Valley College on July 30, 2016. From RVC's Mulford Road entrance, enter first parking lot. Then enter the PEC (physical education center) through doors on west side of building. The RVC website has a [campus map](#). Parking is free.

Friday night load-in is from 4-6pm. Pits include a table and electrical hook-up. The field will be available for practice matches from 6-8 pm. We are asking teams to use the designated battery charging station just outside gym, in the hallway by the fitness room. This area is on a different circuit than the gym and will thus lighten load on gym circuits.

Saturday load-in starts at 7:30am. Doors open to public and teams at 7:30 am. Opening Ceremonies are at 8:45am. Matches start at 9am. Event volunteers can enter at 7:00 am on Saturday.

Closed toed shoes and safety glasses are required for everyone attending the competition.

Hotel info is on the website, [www.r2oc.org](http://www.r2oc.org). A block of rooms are on hold at the newly remodeled La Quinta.

#### Friday Night Social

The social will be on the grounds between the PEC and the Student Center and in the Atrium on the RVC Campus from 6-9 pm. We will have music, games and food. Please email Mike Tresemer at [mike.tresemer@honeywell.com](mailto:mike.tresemer@honeywell.com) if your team will attend the social. We need a head count so that we order enough food.

#### Box Lunches

There will be no box lunches provided for teams due to lack of prior year interest. There will be a concession stand available. There are also several nearby fast food options.

#### Event T-Shirts

We will have event t-shirts available for purchase, \$10 each. The shirts will be red with black print and feature the FIRST Stronghold logo. Additional shirts will be available in a variety of sizes until they are gone. A copy of the t-shirt design is attached to this email.

#### Community Giving

Last year attending teams donated over 600 new and gently used books as part of our community connection campaign. In cooperation with the local [Reach Out and Read Chapter](#), the books were donated to Crusader Clinic. We are again collecting books for Reach Out and Read at the 2016 Competition. The team donating the most books will be recognized during the competition.

#### Other

We invite any teams which are associated with JrFLL, FLL, or FTC to bring their posters and/ or robots for the community to see. If your team is interested in signing up for a time slot on the FLL table please contact Karen Hill at 815-742-0873 or [hillarc@aol.com](mailto:hillarc@aol.com)

We still need more volunteers, so be sure to share our volunteers link via email or social media. It is:

<http://r2oc.org/index.php/volunteer-registration/>

Lost & Found, injury reports, and incident reports will be handled by the RVC campus police. They will be present in the PEC building and the Atrium building (team social only) during our activities. They will also be present in the parking lots.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2016 Rock River Off-Season Competition!!