



# Kansas BEST Robotics July 2024 Newsletter

Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying your well-deserved time off from school. I know you all will be getting back in the swing of things soon.



Registration for the 2024 game is open. Visit the [Registry](#) to get signed up for fall. We plan to close registrations by Aug 31 so we have time to finish up the kits for Kickoff.

The following teams are registered as of July 21. If you think you registered but don't see your team here, please try it again, or contact me.

Berean Academy	Quark Robotics - Rose Hill
Central Christian Academy <sup>NEW</sup>	Republic County High School
Council Grove High School	Rock Creek High School
Ellinwood High School	South Central High School USD 300 <sup>NEW</sup>
Garden City High School	Stafford
Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School	Wichita Collegiate HS
Moundridge	Wichita Homeschool

## Event Dates

Kickoff: September 14, Hughes Metroplex

Practice: October 26, Heskett Center

Game Day: November 9, [Valley Center High School](#)

## [New Teachers/Coaches Training Plans](#)

We will have an online orientation for any interested teachers, coaches, or mentors **August 5**. If you have new adults involved with your teams, they are welcome to join us. Just send me an email or text and let me know their names and emails and I'll send them the link to the Zoom meeting.

## [Coach & Mentor Development Course](#)

We have also worked out a plan with WSU for the 2025 Coach and Mentor Development course. Those interested can earn 1 credit hour of continuing education by completing the course. The requirements include

- Attending a full day workshop (in person) to be scheduled between May and August of 2025. A big object of this workshop will be to train on the new Arduino control system.
- Recruit and register a team to participate in the 2025 season



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- Bring your team to the required events (Kickoff, Practice, Game Day) and ensure they complete the associated required activities such as Critical Design Review and Notebooks
- Write an essay with reflections on your experience, lessons learned, suggestions for Kansas BEST or the National BEST organization, or any other observations you have for us.

Kansas BEST will pay for your tuition with WSU. We'll send all the details next spring.

## Kickoff

Kickoff is September 14, at Hughes Metroplex in Wichita KS. Program will start at 9:00, but we will have the doors open by 8:30. We will have some introductions and are working on a key note speaker that has first hand experience in the theme of the game. After that we will have breakout sessions. There are a few rules changes this year that we will discuss. Then you will be able to pick up your kits and get started. Remember that the rules, rubrics and lots of other support materials will be available in the Registry after Kickoff. And since there will still be other teams all over the country that haven't yet had their Kickoff we don't want to spoil the surprise for them, so don't post or share any of those materials outside your teams.

Thanks for your time. If you want to be removed from distribution, let me know. If you know other teachers or potential coaches/mentors that would be interested, please feel free to forward this to them. All newsletters will be posted at [kansasbest.org](https://kansasbest.org)

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