

We hope your build season is going well. We have information about the Iowa Regional to share:

1. **Practice Field Rules**- We recently learned about a new practice field rule in the 2024 game manual: **“E117 *Inspection for Practice Fields. A team may only use a Practice Field with a ROBOT that has passed an initial, complete inspection.”** We have been told this must be enforced at all events. This means a team’s robot must have the completed inspection sticker from that event on their robot before using the practice field.
2. **Pit Table** - Typically a table is provided for each team’s pit area at the regional. We are glad to do this but have observed some teams do not need or use the table provided. In an effort to optimize our event and eliminate unnecessary costs we would like to know whether your team wants to have a table provided for you. If you have not done so already please provide your preference in this two question survey: <https://forms.gle/nrQkpZrMCYC2SpTY6>
3. **Student Ambassadors** - We are looking for teams to provide student ambassadors who will provide tours and talk with special guests throughout the event. Training will be provided at a time to be announced. Students will be given time slots to be available to do the tours. Please send student names to Libby at: iowafrcvolunteers@gmail.com
4. **Team Lunches** - We have a special arrangement in place with the university dining service to make it easy to purchase team lunches. The Piazza Dining Center provides all you care to eat dining including allergen free and specialty diets just a short walk from McLeod. Teams may pre-purchase lunch from UNI Dining now through March 8th for \$9.75/lunch ticket (a \$2.00 discount off late or on-site purchase). See attached handout for additional details about ordering Piazza lunch tickets. These include drink and dessert and are located in the nearby dining hall. Teams may also purchase food from concessions inside the venue. There will be no on-site team lunch orders as we have done in previous years. **Please note the university’s contract with food vendors does not allow outside food or beverages to be brought into the venue by teams or spectators.** We will provide water refill stations so attendees are *strongly* encouraged to bring empty water bottles.
5. **Event Web Site** - Event information including a hotel listing can be found at the event website: <http://iafirst.org/iowa-frc/>
6. **National Anthem Student Choir** - We will have a student choir sing the National Anthem at the Saturday Opening Ceremony. Please send the names of students who would like to participate to Libby at iowafrcvolunteers@gmail.com.

Thanks!

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Att: [Team Lunch Orders and Options](#)