

Hello Iowa Regional Team!

We hope your FIRST Robotics Competition season is off to a great start.

We have some information and requests related to the Iowa Regional:

1. Event Web Site - Event information including a hotel listing can be found at the event website: <http://iafirst.org/iowa-frc/>. We will add resources to this web site as we finalize event details.
 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. Please provide your preference in this two question survey: <https://forms.gle/nrQkpZrMCYC2SpTY6>
 3. 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 the event venue. Teams may pre-purchase lunch from UNI Dining now through March 8th for \$10.50/lunch ticket (a \$1.50 discount off late or on-site purchase). <https://uni.estimate.flywire.com/products/uni-dining---frc-166244> See attached handout for additional details about ordering Piazza lunch tickets. These include drink and dessert and are located in the nearby dining hall. <https://iafirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Lunch-Options.pdf> Teams may also purchase food from concessions inside the venue. There will be no on-site team lunch orders. Teams can also purchase Piazza Dining Center tickets for their evening dinner.
- Please note the university's contract with food vendors does not allow outside food or beverages to be brought into the event venue by teams or spectators. We will provide water refill stations so attendees are strongly encouraged to bring empty water bottles.
4. Team Social - Registration information is coming soon! The 2026 Team Social will be Thursday night in a new location on the UNI campus. Details are being finalized and will be shared soon.
 5. Student Volunteer Opportunities
 - 1) 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
 - 2) Safety Glasses - We are looking for teams to volunteer to staff the safety glasses station for part of a day. Please help fill these roles - email our Volunteer Coordinator Libby at: iowafrcvolunteers@gmail.com.
 - 3) 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 participate to Libby at iowafrcvolunteers@gmail.com.

Good Luck with your build season and we look forward to seeing you in March!

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