



**Dear ORTOP Coaches/ Volunteers:**

### **The Intel Tent at Hillsboro Days**

ORTOP had a great time at Hillsboro Days in the Intel Tent. Our thanks to Intel for the invitation! Our great volunteers and I chatted and played robot games with many interested parents and kids. What FUN! For those interested in starting teams, here is info to help you!

[http://www.ortop.org/Documents/NEWS\\_HowToStartaTeam.pdf](http://www.ortop.org/Documents/NEWS_HowToStartaTeam.pdf)

### **Most Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: When does FIRST LEGO League registration close?**

**A: Maybe as early as Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>!** FLL has a set number of FLL kits available. Today I participated in a national conference call for FLL Partners. We were told that registration is moving faster than expected. The projected date that registration will close is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>! **If you have not registered your team, now is the time!** Once all the kits are sold out you will not be able to participate this year.

**HERE IS THE REGISTRATION LINK!** <http://register4fill.com/> If you know of anyone interested in starting a team that may not be on our mailing list, please pass along the information.

**Q: Do I need to know that names of the kids on my team before I register?**

A: NO! You only need to have coach contact information and know what you want to order; registration, field set-up kit and robot if you need one.

**Q: Can I use a Purchase Order from my school to order the equipment?**

A: Yes, register and put TBD in the Purchase Order Number space. You'll need to go back and fill it in once you have the PO# from your school/org. Follow the instructions.

### **ORTOP Workshops**

ORTOP Workshops are filling fast. We opened up another Workshop III – Robotic Techniques on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can register online under Robotic Techniques - <http://www.ortop.org/res.htm#REG>

### **Power Puzzle Field Set-up Kit**

Some people are reporting that their field set-up kit is missing a few pieces or as much as a whole bag of pieces. It is recommended that you do an inventory before starting. I haven't seen a kit yet, but in past years the building instructions included a complete parts list.

If you are missing pieces, you can get FREE replacements at [www.LEGO.com](http://www.LEGO.com), click on Customer Service. The Part # is 9764. or phone 1-800-422-5346.

There are a few more bumps in the road when building the kit. FLL is compiling a list to send to registered coaches. Good news is the kit only takes about 3 hours for one person to build. We suggest that your team build it together! It should only take one meeting.

**LINK TO PAST FLL NEWSLETTERS:** <http://www.ortop.org/ct.htm#CoachesNews>