



ORTOP NEWSLETTER – September 11, 2007

Dear ORTOP /FLL Coaches:

1. **Beaverton Workshops:** A few slots remain in our workshops. There are openings for Sept. 17 – Intro, Sept 24- Coach/Mentor and Oct 1 – Robotic Techniques. These evening workshops are being held at the ORTOP office in Beaverton. <http://www.ortop.org/res.htm#WorkshopCalendar> There is also a link to a waiting list to help us gauge if we should add more workshops.
2. **Bend Workshop – Sept. 22nd:** There was higher demand for a workshop in Bend than one in Eastern Oregon therefore ORTOP will hold a workshop in Bend at Mountainview High School, 2755 NE 27th Ave. in Bend from 9am – 4pm. This is open to coaches, asst. coaches, mentors of FLL teams. To register for this workshop email cathy_swider@ous.edu
3. **FLL Registration:** FLL registration is still open. Current coaches provide our best advertising. If you know of someone who wants to start a team, encourage them to register soon. Oregon stands at 307 teams as of 9/11/07. There is a small amount of ORTOP scholarship dollars remaining. <http://register4fll.com/>
4. **Additional help – Dale Jordan,** newest member of the ORTOP Training Committee and former FLL coach (Boulder Beasts) has contributed reviews of the newest NXT books on the market. <http://www.ortop.org/res.htm#books>
5. **ortopcm / ortopcoaches – ortopcm** is the ORTOP version of the national FLL forum. Anyone subscribed to ortopcm can post a question and receive the advice of other ORTOP coaches. Participation is OPTIONAL. **Ortopcoaches** is the official newsletter listserv for ORTOP. Coaches must be subscribed but mentors and other adults helping your team can also be subscribed. Click this link to subscribe other adults. <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226VYD9XSMA>
6. **Questions on the Rules:** If you want to ask about a rule, you can send an email to rules2007@ortop.org It will be answered by either Gary Raetz or Jim Settlemyer, our co-head referees. You can also submit a question directly to FLL for official answers to questions about the Robot Game part of the Challenge, including rulings on special strategies or situations, e-mail flltech@usfirst.org
7. **FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHT AT McMenamin's Imbrie Hall** in Hillsboro. SAVE THE DATE! Monday, Oct. 8th starting at 5 pm. McMenamin's will donate ½ of all food and beverage sales to ORTOP from 5pm – 11pm. Bring the team, their parents, friends, neighbors and relatives! We'll have robots to program and run, rookie coaches meet the veteran coaches, a good time for all! Last year we raised \$2,600!
8. **Qualifying Tournaments-** We don't have a complete schedule yet. Registration for Qualifying Tournaments will begin Oct. 1.
This is the **unofficial** tournament calendar.
 - a. **Dec. 1** – LaGrande
 - b. **Dec. 8** – Bend, Intel-Jones Farm, Oregon City, Catlin Gabel, Poynter MS, Roseburg, Vancouver
 - c. **Dec. 9** - Bend, Intel-Jones Farm, Poynter MS, Vancouver
 - d. **Dec. 15** – Hill Hi, Intel-Jones Farm, Klamath Falls
 - e. **Dec. 16** – Hill Hi, Intel-Jones Farm
 - f. **Dates to Be Determined:** Mentor Graphics, Salem and Corvallis.