

# GREATER PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SITE INFORMATION

March 9 – March 12, 2016

## Event Location

Convocation Center  
California University of Pennsylvania  
Hamer Way  
California, PA, 15419

Venue Website: <http://www.calu.edu/business-community/convocation-center/venues/convocation-center/directions/index.htm>

Event Website: [www.PittsburghFIRST.org](http://www.PittsburghFIRST.org)

**NOTE:** *The Convocation Center will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes.*

Admission to the 2016 *FIRST* Robotics Competition - Greater Pittsburgh Regional will be free and open to the public.

## Directions to the Convocation Center, California University of PA

### From the East (Harrisburg, Philadelphia)

Pennsylvania Turnpike to New Stanton Exit 75, Interstate 70 West to Exit 37A (Toll Road 43)

### From the Northeast (Scranton)

Interstate 81 South to Pennsylvania Turnpike, Pennsylvania Turnpike West to New Stanton Exit 75, Interstate 70 West to Exit 37A (Toll Road 43)

### From the North (Erie, Pittsburgh)

Interstate 79 South to Interstate 70 Exit, Interstate 70 East to Exit 37A (Toll Road 43)

### From the Southeast (Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C.)

Interstate 70 West to Pennsylvania Turnpike, Pennsylvania Turnpike West to New Stanton Exit 75, Interstate 70 West to Exit 37A (Toll Road 43)

### From the West, Southwest (Ohio, West Virginia)

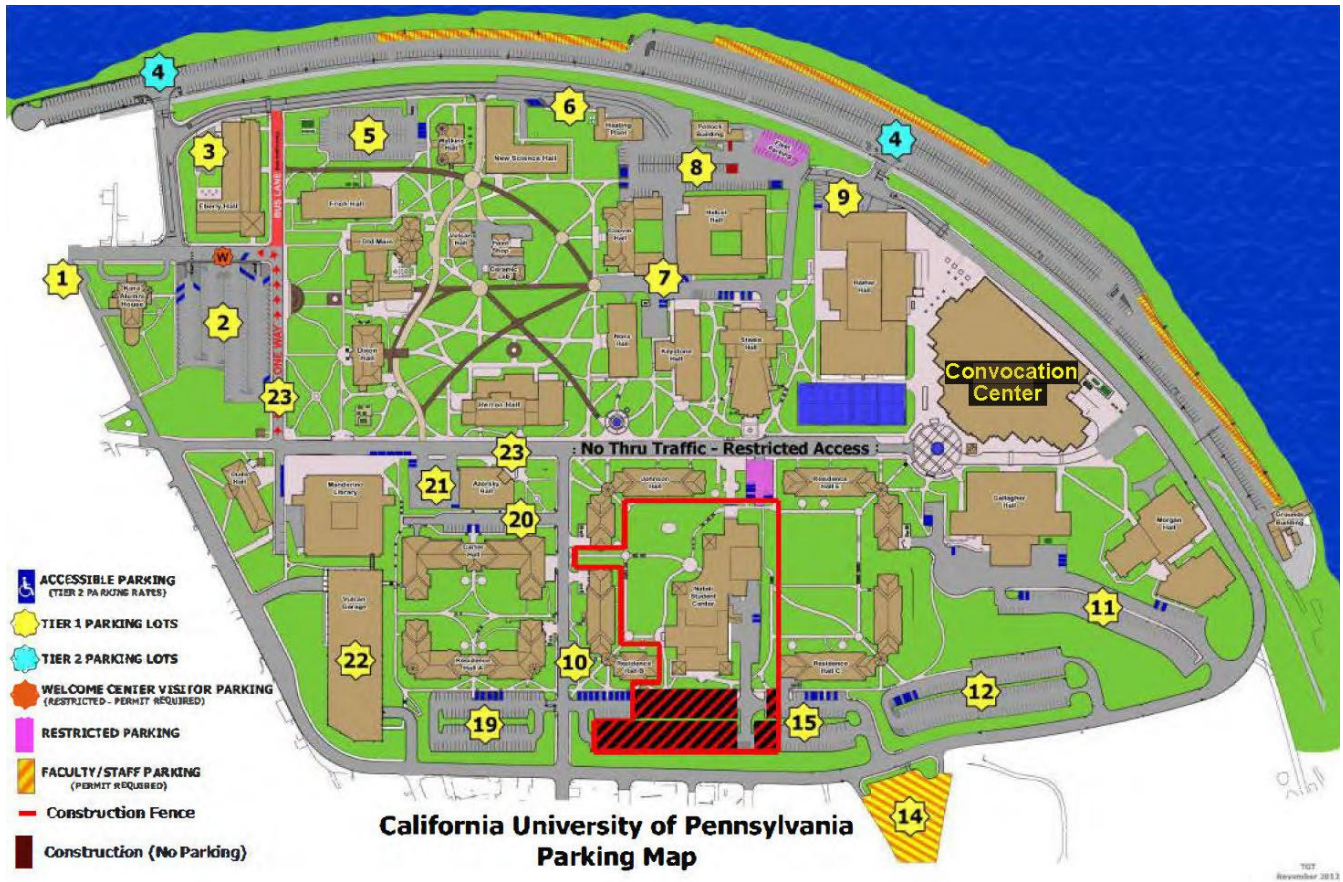
Interstate 70 East to Exit 37A (Toll Road 43)

### From Toll Road 43

Take the California Exit (bear right at end of exit). Stay straight toward Wood Street. Follow Wood Street down to intersection at Third Street (at stoplight). At stoplight, turn right onto Third Street and follow straight onto campus.

## Parking

This map shows the central Cal U campus area; please see explanations below. It may also be found at [www.calu.edu/parking/\\_files/2013-campus-map.pdf](http://www.calu.edu/parking/_files/2013-campus-map.pdf). Teams, please see below for Load-in / Load-out information.



The 2016 Greater Pittsburgh Regional will be held in the **Convocation Center**. The main entrance for team members and visitors is from the cross-hatched circle immediately to the lower left of the Convocation Center.

**Accessible Parking (ADA)** spots are identified on the map in dark blue. Lots 11 and 12 are the closest lots most likely to have available spots. The path is level between these lots and the Convocation Center.

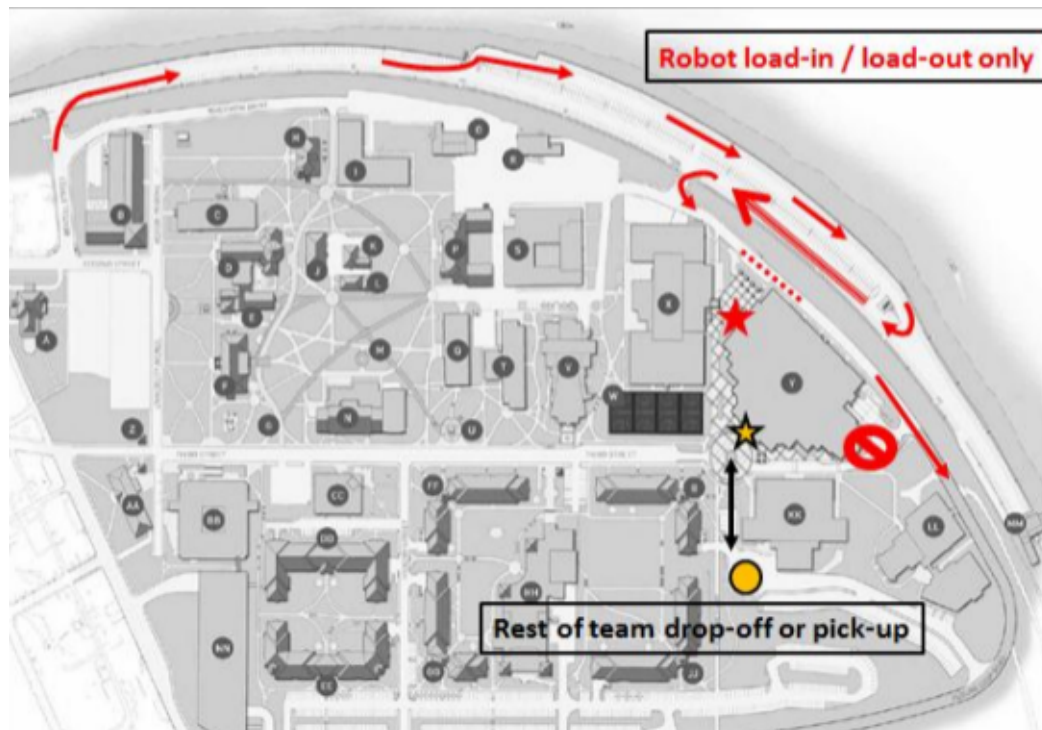
**Visitor Parking** is in the Vulcan Parking Garage (the large building marked “22” on the map above). For rates, see: [www.calu.edu/parking/vulcan-garage](http://www.calu.edu/parking/vulcan-garage).

**Team Parking:** At Load-In, each team will receive one free parking pass which may be used in **Lot 4A**, a special area that will be marked off within Lot 4. Lot 4A is best accessed by the entrance across from Lot 9. Buses, trailers, and oversized vehicles may not park in this lot; see Offsite Parking (next page). For additional team parking, we recommend the Vulcan Parking Garage (see Visitor Parking, above). (Please note that the lot will be patrolled by Cal U; vehicles without a parking pass may be ticketed.)

**Volunteer Parking:** Parking for pure volunteers (i.e. those people at the Regional expressly to help and who would not otherwise be attending, unlike team members who have volunteered to help) is in Lot 4A, a special area that will be marked off within Lot 4. Volunteers will receive their free parking pass at check-in.



## Load-in / Load-out Information



For the robot load-in and load-out, please follow the path of the red arrows on the map. Although it loops around a bit, this path was chosen to minimize the impact on one of Cal U's most heavily used roads. Enter the River Lot parking area from the Beazell Street entrance. Continue along the parking lot until it widens and go down the left side that is closest to the river. Make a U turn at the end of the divided area and you will be in the main staging area (shown on the map as the wider red line). When the volunteer tells you to proceed, exit the parking lot and make the immediate left onto Riverview Drive. You will be guided to park where the red dots are and this is where you will drop-off or pick-up your robot along with no more than the 5-member team. (More on this in the next paragraph). When done, the vehicle should leave the Convocation Center area by staying on Riverview Drive. Do not turn right immediately after the Convocation Center. While it looks like this road is a good path to take, it goes nowhere.

The black and gold circle is where the rest of the team members and equipment should be dropped off or picked up. Doing this here minimizes the impact on the main road plus it allows all the teams collectively to load-in and load-out faster. This area easily parks five large buses, offers easy turnaround space, and is safer, as the area between it and the Convocation Center is a pedestrian-only walkway. Team members can enter the Convocation Center at the main entrance marked by the black and gold star.

**\*\*During Load In, teams will be allowed to build and set up their pits.**

**\*\*\*\*DO NOT un-bag the robot when setting up the pit.\*\*\*\***

**Vehicles may not remain curbside while teams set up their pits.** Once the vehicle is unloaded, it will have to be moved from the unloading zone parking to the River Lot while the team finishes set-up.

Only 5 members per team will be allowed in the Convocation Center. The normal *FIRST* safety rules will be in effect at the time of setting up the pit area. Please see the [FIRST Robotics Competition Admin Manual, Section 4.6 \(Load in Procedures\)](#) for more information.

**\*\*\*\*DO NOT un-bag the robot when setting up the pit.\*\*\*\***

**More information on the Load-Out procedures will be distributed at the event.**



## Site Restrictions:

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.

### Please:

- **Do not use skateboards or 'hoverboards'**. This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use drones.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not bring bottled gas tanks (e.g. helium).** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as floor stompers, whistles and/or air horns.
- **Do not** arrange for Internet access or phone lines from venue service providers or attempt to use venue internet connections reserved for event purposes (e.g., FMS or streaming).
- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts or any promotional products.
- **Do not distribute any food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks or fruit.
- **Do not sell raffle tickets.**
- **Do not use walkie-talkies.**
- **Do not invite or bring live bands to play in the audience.** This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team Pit will be shut off and/or the music device confiscated.
- **Glitter and/or confetti are not permitted** in any part of the venue. Should this policy not be followed, an appropriate charge will be assessed for the cleanup of this material.
- **Do not form "tunnels"** during the Awards Ceremony. This can cause discomfort to those traveling through them and creates safety issues.
- **Do not save seats.**

**Teams: Please see the Competition Manual, [Section 4, "At the Events"](#) for further guidelines.**

## **FIRST Consent Form:**

*FIRST* has revised the Consent and Release Form with several goals in mind: 1) simplifying the process by creating a unified form; 2) collecting participant data to make it possible to conduct more effective outreach and marketing to alumni; 3) and give *FIRST* the capacity to conduct regular follow-up studies of its participants in order to better demonstrate impact. This information is critical to *FIRST* because it will provide a roadmap for the organization, guide program implementation and management, and communicate more confidently the impact to schools, sponsors and other groups. In order for *FIRST* to quantitatively state that our programs are positively impacting participating students, corporations, schools and communities we need to collect information on the individual level. The Consent Forms are the only place where *FIRST* collects that type of information.

The goal of the *FIRST* Consent Forms is to ensure the following:

- To get consent and release of liabilities due to harm and/or injury for *FIRST* and *FIRST*'s "Cooperating Entities"
- To grant *FIRST* the right to use participant's likeness during the participation in *FIRST* events
- To ensure that agents of *FIRST* and on behalf of *FIRST* can collect and analyze information for us
- To grant *FIRST* the right to contact the Parent/Guardian and participants at a later time for evaluation and/or announce other benefits like alumni outreach efforts

Because we are dealing with youth and youth information, *FIRST* must be in compliance with the US Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (under the age 13) and the Canadian Online Protection Act.

**The following form is the only acceptable *FIRST* form for the 2016 *FIRST* Robotics Competition events. Remember to bring your completed forms to your competition event(s) if your team members have not already completed one online. This is for all the persons on your team. Make sure each person under 18 has a legal parent/guardian sign it also.**

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(FIRST®)

**CONSENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Date of Birth if under 18 years of age [MM/DD/YYYY]: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Email (If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Email): \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Participant identified above ("Participant") desires to participate (as a team member, coach, mentor, judge, or in some other manner) in the FIRST® Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge, FIRST LEGO® League, FIRST LEGO League Junior, or another FIRST program (the "Programs"). As a condition of allowing Participant to participate in a Program, United States Foundation for Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology ("FIRST") requires that the Participant (by his or her Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age) agree to the terms of this Consent and Release Agreement.

- Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) understands that participation in the Program will expose Participant to risks of injury including, without limitation, injury from: building, lifting, and using electrical/mechanical robots and robot components; using tools; other participants; dancing and other associated activities. Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) understands that FIRST does not select, employ, supervise or otherwise exercise authority or control over the coaches, mentors, and other participants in the Program. Participant, if 18 years of age or older, acknowledges and agrees that he/she is primarily responsible for his/her safety. The Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age acknowledges and agrees that the Parent/Guardian is primarily responsible for the Participant's safety and that the Parent/Guardian will monitor, as appropriate considering the age of the Participant and other factors, the Participant's participation in the Program.
- In consideration for FIRST allowing the Participant to participate in a Program, Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age for and on behalf of the Participant and the Parent/Guardian) assumes all risk of such participation and hereby releases FIRST and (except as expressly provided below) all of FIRST's directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims for any injury of any kind to the Participant (and the Parent/Guardian) or other damages that may occur as a result of the Participant's participation in the Program, including without limitation any injuries or other damages that may be caused by the negligence of FIRST or negligence of any of FIRST's directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents (including without limitation negligently failing to adequately investigate or screen coaches, mentors, volunteers, etc.), and agrees not to file any lawsuit or otherwise make any claim against FIRST or any of FIRST's directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents for any such injury or other damages. The Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) does not hereby release any claims against any individual person who intentionally causes injury to the Participant.**
- Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) understands that photographs, videotapes, and other recordings will be made of participants in the Programs, including the Participant. Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) consents to those photographs, videotapes, and other recordings and the use thereof (i) as part of a record of the Program and (ii) to promote FIRST and the Programs.

**Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) has read this document and understands that this Consent and Release Agreement includes a waiver of the right to make injury claims that is intended to be legally binding. By signing below, Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) agrees to this Consent and Release Agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (of Participant if 18 years of age or older or Parent/Guardian if Participant under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of person signing

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Date