

Packing for *FIRST* Championship

Help US Help YOU

Whether you're attending *FIRST* Championship for the fifth time or first time, please consider ways that your team can help us help you throughout the Championship experience.

Pack light

- The entire shop may not need to travel to *FIRST* Championship. If there is something you need that you didn't bring to Championship, more than likely there is another team from whom you can borrow that item. There will be a machine shop available, too!
- Pack what is needed for your robot spare parts. Example: If you are using a specific motor, only bring that type of motor, not every motor in your shop.
- Keep random material to a minimum.
- Consider packing in similar size containers that are easy to carry; organize and label your containers.
- Consider bringing a dolly to move multiple containers at once.
- Consider how heavy items are. If something is 200 pounds, you will need 4 people to carry it or it should be on wheels.
- If something is more than 4 feet long, 2 people should carry it together to navigate safely through the crowds of the loading dock and pits.

Packing your transport vehicle

- Students should be involved in packing the vehicle. (*Students who are in the marching band often are great help as they probably have helped pack the band bus/van/trailer.*)
- Multiple people should know how everything fits in your van/truck/car/trailer.
- Practice packing your vehicle. Know how to stage your stuff so it's ready to load out and pack on Saturday when you load out.
- If you are traveling by bus, including your team's pit, practice packing, if possible. If not, before you leave your initial location, take pictures of the various layers, make notes on where things are and how they fit.

Important things to consider

- Load in/load out lines are long. Consider carpooling with one or more teams. Work together to get your items to *FIRST* championship.
- If you are planning on hand carrying your robot from Championship, plan for the space you will need in your vehicle before you leave home.
- The better the organization, the less stressful the load in and load out process will be for the team.