

GREATER PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Dates: March 15-18, 2017

Event Location: Convocation Center at the California University of Pennsylvania
Riverview Drive, California, PA, 15419

Venue Website: <https://www.calu.edu/convocation-center/index.html>

Event Website: www.FIRSTPittsburgh.org

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

Admission to the 2017 FIRST Robotics Competition - Greater Pittsburgh Regional will be FREE and open to the public.

Directions to the Convocation Center, California University of PA

<https://www.calu.edu/convocation-center/directions.html>

From the East: PA Turnpike to New Stanton Exit 75, I-70 West to Exit 37A (Toll Road PA-43)

From the Northeast: I-81 South to PA Turnpike, PA Turnpike West to New Stanton; Exit 75, I-70 West to Exit 37A (Toll Road PA-43)

From the North: I-79 South to I-70 Exit, I-70 East to Exit 37A (Toll Road PA-43)

From the Southeast: I-70 West to PA Turnpike, PA Turnpike West to New Stanton Exit 75, I-70 West to Exit 37A (Toll Road PA-43)

From the West, Southwest: I-70 East to Exit 37A (Toll Road PA-43)

From Toll Road PA-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.

Event Parking: Lot 4 (River Lot) - Visitors, Teams & Volunteers

Oversized vehicles (buses, trailers) park in Lot 4-A, at the far end of Lot 4.

To drop off passengers: Turn in to Gallagher Way (beside Lot 11). Drop off passengers by the curved area of the sidewalk. On the map, the main entrance is at the gold star.

To drop off robots, tools, etc.: Do not use the main entrance. See "Load-In" (below) for details.

ADA Parking - See page 2.

Directions to Lot 4 (River Lot):
Enter Campus on Third St. Turn RIGHT on East St. Continue onto Sixth St. & Riverview Dr. Turn RIGHT at the Hamer railroad crossing. Turn RIGHT into the lot.

TEAMS: QUEUE for LOAD-IN in Lot 4:
SEE LOAD-IN MAP

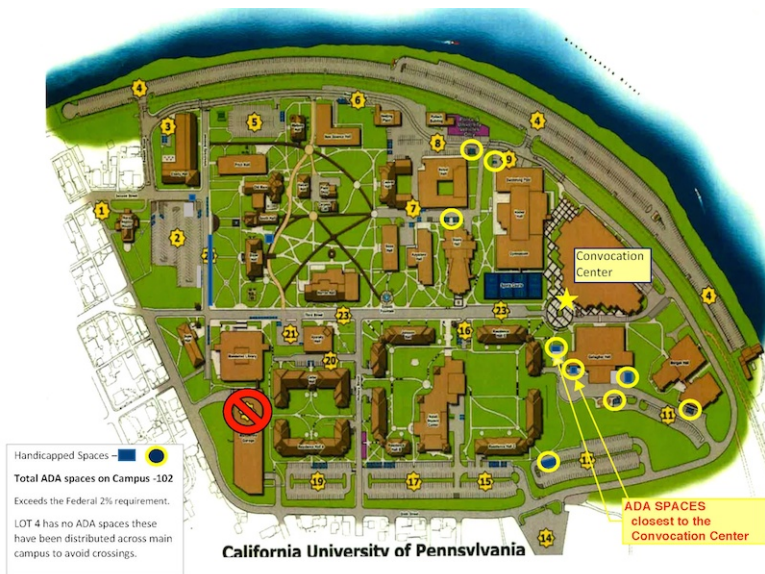
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-  - TIER 1 PARKING
-  - TIER 2 PARKING
-  - WELCOME CENTER PARKING
-  - EMPLOYEE PARKING ONLY
-  - PERMIT AND HOURLY METER PARKING ONLY
-  - METER LOCATION
-  - BUS STOP
-  - AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ONLY
-  - RESTRICTED PARKING POLICE/UNIVERSITY VEHICLES ONLY



Accessible Parking (ADA) spots:

Lots 11 and 12 are the closest lots most likely to have available spots. Most Tier 1 Parking Lots (labeled with red stars in the map above) have ADA spaces (marked by open yellow circles on this map). For safety reasons, Lot 4 does not have ADA parking spots.



Site Restrictions:

(www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/event-experience)

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.

Outside food is not allowed at this venue. Please do not bring outside food.

Please see the *FIRST* website: [FIRST STEAMWORKS Game & Season Materials - Rules & Expectations for FIRST Robotics Competition Events](http://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/event-experience) for further rules, guidelines, and updates.

General Rules: The rules below apply throughout an event: from load in to load out.

- E01.** Teams may not be in The Pits outside of pit hours.
- E02.** All team members must wear safety glasses, closed toed/heeled shoes, and tie back long hair.
- E03.** Teams are not permitted to save seats for team members that are not present.
- E04.** Teams may not hang banners or ribbons or otherwise designate seating. (Event staff will remove and discard any banners, roping, etc., used to designate seating) Please take turns sitting in the bleachers if seating is limited. If there is a crowding problem, we ask that you kindly leave after your team's match and return later, if possible.
- E05.** Items may not be thrown from audience seating.
- E06.** Do not bring or use
 - skateboards This is a safety concern.
 - 'hoverboards' This is a safety concern.
 - drones This is a safety concern.
 - bottled gas tanks (e.g. helium) This is a safety concern.
 - noisy devices, such as floor stompers, whistles and/or air horns
 - walkie-talkies
 - noisemakers
- E07.** 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).
- E08.** Do not sell any products. This includes food, hats, shirts or any promotional products.
- E09.** Do not distribute any food products, such as candy, water, soft drinks or fruit.
- E10.** Do not sell raffle tickets.
- E11.** Do not invite or bring live bands to play in the audience.
- E12.** Do not play loud music in The Pit.
- E13.** Teams may not damage bleachers, floors, or other venue features.
- E14.** Inappropriate clothing is not permitted.

Load-In at the 2017 FIRST Robotics Competition – Greater Pittsburgh Regional

Robot Drop-off / Pit Set-up: 3/15/17 Wed 6:00pm-8pm; 3/16/17 Thu 7:45am-8:30am

During Load In, teams will be allowed to set up their pits with no more than 5 team members.

For more info, see: **Rules & Expectations for FIRST Robotics Competition Events, Rules E26-E32.2.**
www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/event-experience Accessed 2017-3-3; updated 3/9 (Team Update 16)

Load-In Notes:

- **Maximum of 5** team members to load in; bring gloves & safety glasses
- **Safety glasses** are needed to *enter* the pit – carry them, don't pack them
- **No forklifts will be available** – be sure to bring what you need to move your items in
- **Vehicles may not remain curbside while teams set up their pits.** After unloading, move your vehicle to the River Lot while the team finishes set-up.
- Normal *FIRST* safety rules will be in effect at the time of setting up the pit area.
- **Leave the robot bag lock-up form where the inspector can clearly see it & check it.** This will reduce waiting time on Thu morning.
- **Do NOT unbag the robot until after the official pit opening Thursday morning at 8:30AM, and after the bag has been inspected.** Even if the inspector signed your form, even if the Robot Inspector signed that it's all set to go, **do not unbag until Thu 8:30AM!**

Load-in Queuing:

For the robot LOAD-IN and LOAD-OUT, please follow the path of the red arrows on the map.

Enter the River Lot parking area from the Beazell Street entrance. Continue along the parking lot until it widens, then drive along the left side (closest to the river).

Make a U turn at the end of the divided area. 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 pull over in the unloading zone (marked by red dots on the Load-In map).

When done, the vehicle should leave the Convocation Center area by staying on Riverview Drive.

Vehicles may not remain curbside while teams set up their pits. After unloading, please move your vehicle to the River Lot while the team finishes set-up.

Vehicles dropping off team members: Enter via Gallagher Way (see map on p. 1).

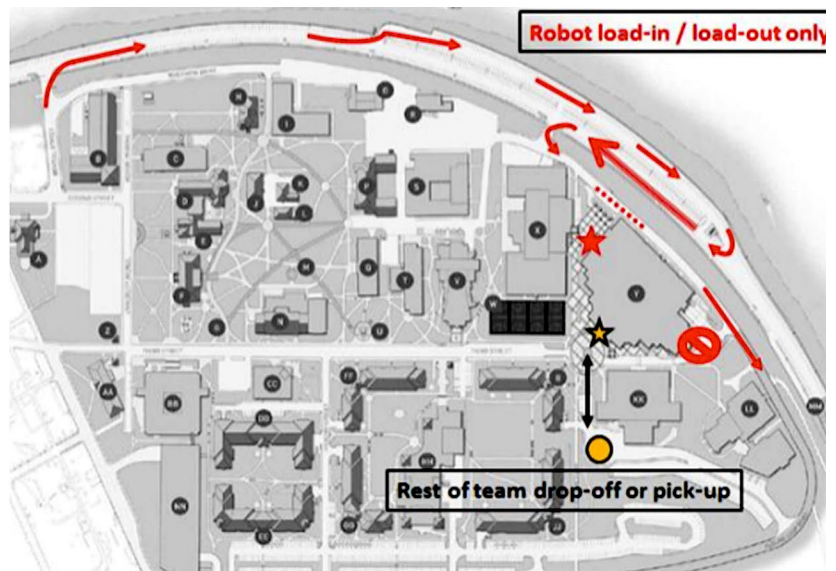
The black and gold circle is where team members should be dropped off or picked up. Team members enter the Convocation Center at the main entrance marked by the gold star.

This passenger drop-off location allows all the teams collectively to load-in and load-out faster. This area easily parks 5 large buses, offers easy turnaround space, and is safer.

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

For details, see [FIRST Game and Season Materials: Game Materials: Rules and Expectations for FIRST Robotics Competition Events: What to Do: E26-32.2](#) (www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/event-experience).

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



More Information about Load-In and Early Pit Set-Up from [FIRST Game and Season Materials: Game Materials: Rules and Expectations for FIRST Robotics Competition Events: What to Do: E26-32.2 \(www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/event-experience\)](#). (Check for any Team updates prior to the event.)

In general, Load In can be stressful for teams and volunteers; which can be mitigated by preparation and planning. Unanticipated factors, like traffic, weather, or other events, can change a team's scheduled arrival time, making the process difficult. The most important things a team should remember are to be safe and embody *Gracious Professionalism*. Teams that experience smooth and easy Load Ins are encouraged to check with others to see if they can help and make their experience as positive as possible.

- E26.** Teams must bring their equipment in safely.
- E27.** Teams may only bring materials to and leave materials in their pit area.
- E28.** Teams must leave when done with drop off (or, in the case of Early Pit Setup, when setup is complete).
- E29.** No work, of any kind, may be done on the robot or robot-related materials (e.g. items in a team's withholding allowance). The only exception is that teams may plug chargers in and start charging batteries.
- E30.** The robot must stay in the bag and sealed. **E31.** Deleted

Early Pit Set-up [will be allowed at the 2017 Greater Pittsburgh Regional]...the Load In period allows teams to set up their pit area before the event officially starts. ...

- E32.** Teams must have their pits in a safe state by the time pits close (even if some tasks are left undone).
- E32-1.** Only 5 team members (one of which must be an adult) may be in the pit area, and this must be for the purposes of pit set-up only.
- E32-2.** Once pit set-up is complete, or the early Pit Set-up time...has ended, team members must immediately leave the pit area.

...A team may use both periods to set up its pits, but, per E32-2, must leave once pit set up is complete. Teams can be expected to be asked to leave by event personnel if it is noted that their pit set up is complete and they have not yet left the pit area.