Thank you for your continued interest in the Benton Middle School Robotics Team. We are looking forward to another great year!

Students who were previously on the team who wish to return will have a spot on this year’s team.

To secure your place on the team, please return the pages in this packet the Student Information Form, Robotics Team Parent/Student Contract and the VEX Consent form to the Benton Main Office by 3pm on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Please Note:

No teacher/coach recommendations are needed for returning applicants.

Returning Students DO NOT ATTEND Tryouts. This is the coaches’ opportunity to get to know new applicants and evaluate them for the team.

Practices will begin on Wednesday, September 25th.

Important Information about Benton Robotics:

- Practices will be held from 3-5pm on Wednesdays and Fridays at Benton in the Lecture Hall. All students must be picked up at 5:00pm. Practices will begin on Wednesday, September 25th.

Required items:

- **Activity Fee $100** – To help cover the cost of equipment and registration fees for competitions. The activity fee will be collected once the team is formed, DO NOT SEND IN with application.
- **Safety Glasses** - Robotics members must wear safety glasses during competitions!
- **Benton Robotics T-shirt** - Will be the required team uniform for all external events, cost ~$15.

Important Websites

- **VEX Robotics Tower Takeover Game Manual**: Students should be familiar with the game rules and watch the game video, [http://www.vexrobotics.com/vexedr/competition/competition-resources](http://www.vexrobotics.com/vexedr/competition/competition-resources)
- **VEX Robotics**: [http://www.vexrobotics.com](http://www.vexrobotics.com)
- **Benton Robotics Page**: [https://bentonms.pwcs.edu/student_activities/clubs/robotics_team_](https://bentonms.pwcs.edu/student_activities/clubs/robotics_team_)

Important Dates – (Dates are subject to change and additional events will be added)
- December and January TBD – Regional competitions
- 3/6/2020-3/7/2020 – State Championship in Doswell, VA (for qualifying teams)
- 4/22/2020-4/25/2020 – World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky (for qualifying teams)
Benton Robotics
Student Information Form

Student Information

Name (First Last)__________________________________________________________________________

Student Email:__________________________________________________________________________

Grade 2019-2020 School Year (Circle One): 6th 7th 8th

Homeroom/First Period Teacher: ______________________ Room #: ____________

Parents/Legal Guardian

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Student: __________________________ Home Phone: __________________________

Cell Phone: __________________________ Work Phone: __________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________

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Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Student: __________________________ Home Phone: __________________________

Cell Phone: __________________________ Work Phone: __________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________


In case of emergency, what is the best number to call?

Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Email Distribution List:

We maintain an email list to disseminate information to the team regarding announcements and events. Please list the preferred email address(s) for team announcements:

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Robotics Team Parent/Student Contract

- I understand that as a member of the Benton Robotics team, I represent the team and Benton Middle School at all events and my conduct and language must be appropriate and I will adhere to the PWCS Code of Conduct.

- Attendance at practice is mandatory. In the event that a student must miss a meeting Mrs. Cinnamon should be contacted, preferably in advance. Students with repeated unexcused absences may be dismissed from the team. Robotics requires commitment and discipline and dedication from all involved. Students who do miss a practice have no say in decisions made while they were absent.

- Extended practices or additional workdays will be scheduled as needed to ensure robots are ready for competitions. Details of such events will be posted in advance and discussed at team meetings.

- I understand school is my top priority. Students are expected to maintain ALL grades at no lower than a C, with at least an S in conduct and work habits. Any student with a grade lower than a C, or a conduct/work habits grade of U or who has been suspended may be dismissed from the team.

- Team members will show respect to their teammates, coaches, mentors and equipment at all times. Any team member that causes willful destruction to robotics equipment, who have difficulty working cooperatively with teammates or mistreats another student or adult through verbal or physical altercations will be dismissed from the team.

- I understand that while Robotics team build sessions are fun, participation requires a high level of mental focus and energy. I will contribute at the highest level even after a long day at school.

- I understand that there are many roles on the team and that I may not have “hands-on” the robot every day, especially during my first year on the team.

- Robotics’ members must wear safety glasses at all competitions!

- Students are not to be using their cell phones during practice except for robotics related activities such as photos, research, and team communication. Excessive texting, watching videos or playing games is not permitted during robotics.

- Competitions occur at various locations on Saturdays. Students/Parents will need to provide transportation to and from these events. We recognize that students have many obligations; however, students who make the team are expected to attend these events.

- The program will be extended for Teams that qualify for the State and/or World Championships.
  - Virginia State Championship will be held March 6-7 in Doswell, VA
  - World Championships will be held April 22-25, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky.

- If the team earns a spot to the World Championships, each student is responsible for paying for their trip costs (travel, hotel and food). A reasonable estimate is $1200 per student.

- Activity fees are $100 per year; this will go towards the registration fees for competitions and materials needed to support the team. Members will also need to purchase a team t-shirt ~$15 which is required for all events. The activity fees and t-shirt sales will be collected in the fall and are non-refundable if the student leaves the team for any reason.

- Students and adults to expected to adhere to the VEX Robotics Code of Conduct and the following behavior and ethical standards at all REC Foundation sanctioned events:
  - Act with integrity, honesty, and reliability
  - Behave in a respectful and professional manner with event staff, volunteers, and fellow competitors
  - Exhibit maturity and class when dealing with difficult and stressful situations
  - Respect individual differences
  - Follow all rules as listed in the current game manual(s)
  - Student-centered teams with limited adult assistance
  - Safety as a top priority
  - Good sportsmanship, which includes supporting your alliance partners

These expectations apply to all team members and all adults associated with a team including, but not limited to, teachers, mentors and parents.

Student Signature_______________________________________  Date: __________________

Parent Signature   _______________________________________  Date: __________________
VEX® ROBOTICS COMPETITION EVENT

CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS

AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS

This is a Consent, Release of Rights, Hold Harmless and Authorization Agreement ("Agreement") between the VEX® Robotics Competition, the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation, Inc., ("REC Foundation"), VEX Robotics, Inc., and officers, directors, employees and Designees of each (collectively, "VEX"), and Participant (collectively referred to herein as "I", "me", "my" and "Participant"). “Designees” includes those persons or entities (including third-parties not affiliated with VEX) managing, contracting, sponsoring, hosting, conducting, evaluating or publicizing (including individuals and third-party entities working with VEX in print, publication, television, broadcast or video media) the VEX Robotics Competition. As used in this Agreement, Participant shall mean any individual, Parent of Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age, student, mentor, teacher, volunteer, or other person or entity involved in a VEX Robotics Competition event, including, without limitation, the VEX World Championship Event ("Event" or "Events").

In consideration of my participation in one or more Events, I agree to the following:

I recognize that there may be risks associated with attending and/or participating in an Event, including, without limitation, risks inherent in the construction and/or operation of robots, working with electrical connections, operating or handling tools or sharp objects, traveling to and from events, and participating in public competitions. These risks include the risk of injury (including without limitation, serious bodily harm and even death) and property damage. Being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in any such Event, I hereby fully and willingly assume those risks. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION which I may now have or hereafter arise against VEX relating to or connected to my participation in any Event (including, without limitation, the VEX World Championship Event), and I will indemnify and hold harmless VEX against any and all claims against any such entity or person resulting from same.

I HEREBY RELEASE VEX and each of its respective employees, officers, directors, successors, assigns, affiliates, parent companies, licensees and agents from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, attorneys’ fees, other professional fees and expenses, including, without limitation, negligently failing to adequately investigate or screen coaches, mentors, volunteers, etc., any claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever that I may now have or hereafter may arise against VEX in connection with my participation in any Event.

In the event I should sustain any injuries or illness while attending and/or participating in an Event, I hereby authorize VEX to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and such medications as I may possess, as reasonably necessary under the circumstances, including, without limitation, treatment by a physician or hospital of VEX’s choice. Participant understands that photographs, videotapes, and other recordings will be made of participants at such Events, including the Participant.

Participant consents to those photographs, videotapes, and other recordings and the use thereof (i) as part of a record of the Event and (ii) in promotion of VEX, the REC Foundation and other Events. I further acknowledge that any works made by or for VEX ("Works") to be "works made for hire," under applicable copyright laws, and to the extent I have or may claim any rights in or to such Works, I hereby grant to VEX any and all such rights, including, without limitation, the right to use or sub-license these Works in any and all media, now known or later discovered or developed, and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for any VEX Events, without any further consideration due to me or any limitation whatsoever.

This Release shall be binding upon my heirs, personal representatives, and me. THIS RELEASE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICT OF LAWS PRINCIPLES. VENUE FOR ANY LEGAL ACTION SHALL BE IN HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS FORM INVOLVES A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS.

Signature of Participant if 18 years of age or older or Parent/Guardian if Participant under 18 years

Printed name of person signing ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Participant Name (full legal name): ____________________________

If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian (full legal 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): ____________________________

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