



FREE ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS TO THE VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ON APRIL 19-21, 2012

Brains and Robotic Brawn Descend Upon Anaheim, CA to Go Head to Head in World's Fastest Growing Robotics Movement

WHAT: On April 19-21, **more than 10,000 participants** comprised of the world's brightest middle school, high school and university students and team mentors **from nearly 20 countries** around the globe – will compete in three-days of intense back-to-back robotic mash-ups at the **2012 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship**. More than just an exercise in programming and driving robots, these kids turn robotics into an engaging hands-on sport that is riveting to watch. Through robotics, these students are being shaped into tomorrow's visionaries who will create the next big improvements in technology. For more information visit RobotEvents.com/championship and <http://www.vexrobotics.com/competition/vex-robotics-competition/>.

WHEN: **Thursday, April 19**
 1:30-6:00 p.m. Practice/Qualifying Rounds

Friday, April 20
 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies/Parade
 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Qualifying Rounds

Saturday, April 21
 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Qualifying Rounds
 1:15 – 3:30 p.m. Division Playoffs
 4:00-6:00 p.m. Finals, Closing Ceremony/Awards



WHO:

- *This event is open to the public and offers free admission
- *Students from middle schools, high schools and universities around the world
- *Robotics Education Competition Foundation and VEX Robotics Competition Partners including Autodesk, NASA, EMC Corporation, the Northrop Grumman Foundation, Microchip, intelitek, Robotics Academy at Carnegie Mellon University, Innovation First International, iD Tech Camps, the United States Coast Guard Academy, the Technology Student Association, the CREATE Foundation and the FUTURE Foundation.
- *Special Guest: Stanford University Professor Emeritus of Physics, Dr. Douglas D. Osheroff
- *Special Guest: Dance team iLuminate and its creator Miral Kotb
- *The FUTURELAB Innovation Expo

WHERE: Anaheim Convention Center, Hall A
 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802

ABOUT REC FOUNDATION: The REC Foundation, standing for Robotics Education and Competition, is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, supports robotics and technology events and programs that aim to inspire and motivate students to advance in STEM education. In addition to supporting competitions for some of the world's leading robotics platforms and organizations including VEX, TSA, BOTBALL and BEST, the foundation also provides program support and workshops focused on technology and professional development for educators – including the RobotEvents.com community portal website which helps promote multiple high quality programs and provides online registration and event pages for hundreds of events around the world.