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IndianaFIRST: 2017 Perry Meridian District Event - Food, Volunteer, VIP, Hotel, etc.

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Hello Main & Alternate Contacts of FRC Teams attending the Perry Meridian District Event,

The Perry Meridian District Event is taking place **March 23rd - 25th, 2017** at:

**Perry Meridian High School,
401 W Meridian School Rd,
Indianapolis, IN 46217**

March 33rd is a load-in day, **March 24th** is the first full-day of competition, & **March 25th** is the second full-day of competition.

The IndianaFIRST event page for the Perry Meridian District can be found here: <http://www.indianafirst.org/2017-perry-meridian>

The [2017 Perry Meridian District Public Event Schedule](#) can be found on the IndianaFIRST [2017 Perry Meridian Event Page](#) (please note that the schedule is subject to change).

Updates to the event pages will continue to be made as the event approaches!

Please see below for important event details:

Food:

Teams are welcome to bring food into the venue, we expect to have access to the cafeteria for teams to eat lunch.

Concessions will be available. More information about potential food vendors will be sent out to teams closer to the event. Grills are not allowed.

Please follow school rules, no tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc on the school campus, wear shoes and shirts at all times.

Sign Up to Volunteer:

Interested in volunteering? Sign up as a volunteer in the Volunteer Information Management System (VIMS)!

- https://my.usfirst.org/FIRSTPortal/Login/VIMS_Login.aspx

2017 Perry Meridian VIP Event & Student Ambassadors:

The 2017 Perry Meridian VIP Event will be taking place in the morning of Friday, March 24th. **Reservations for the event are required.**

We would like to encourage you, representing the team attending the event, to suggest VIPs that are connected to your team:

1. You may submit 1-2 names as VIPs with mailing address, company or organization, e-mail, and phone (more details below);
2. We will add those names to our VIP list, and send out an e-invite;

3. VIPs must RSVP by the date on the invite to confirm their attendance at the event.

Please provide us with these names so we can pass along the invitations and collect the responses. Managing this process for teams gives us the ability to track who has been invited and who we expect to attend.

FIRST likes to recognize VIPs as those persons or firms that make it possible for your team to exist and to attend our events. This can be somebody who donates significant time, money, materials, or other support to your team. Here are examples of potential VIPs, and this list is not exhaustive:

- The key contact at a company that is a major financial sponsor or that donates facilities or significant amounts of material;
- A school principal or superintendent, if that person strongly supports your program;
- An engineer or other person that provides significant mentoring and assistance;
- A local government leader who has provided significant assistance and support;
- Somebody who passes the “but for” test; but for this person, your team would not exist.

If you have one or two people you think should be invited, please send Renee Becker-Blau (rbeckerblau@indianafirst.org) this information by Wednesday, February 15th, 2017. Please send the information as follows:

Name (and salutation, such as Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., etc.);

Professional/business title and name of organization, if applicable;

E-mail address;

Mailing address;

Phone number.

Teams who are outside of Indiana or some distance from the Perry Meridian District, are encouraged to submit names for your potential VIPs. Even if you think they wouldn't be able to attend the event, **the invitation can be sent as a courtesy or a small token of appreciation for what they do.**

If you have any questions please reach out to Renee Becker-Blau, Executive Director of IndianaFIRST at rbeckerblau@indianafirst.org.

We'll be recruiting student ambassadors as the event approaches.

Hotel Recommendations:

The Planning Committee has created a list of recommended hotels that are near the venue.

Visit the 2017 Perry Meridian District Event page for more details: [Hotel Recommendations](#)

IndianaFIRST Media Team:

Mentors, please share this information with your students:

Are you interested in supporting the event as a member of the 2017 IndianaFIRST Media team?

We're looking for students who have experience in photography, interviewing, graphic design, video editing, and social media! Students will have the opportunity to volunteer during the event to take and edit photo and video and other media for use in our district.

If you're interested in volunteering as a member of the media team, please fill out this form: [2017 IndianaFIRST Media Team](#).

#MAKEITLOUD:

The hashtag for the event is #INPMH.

Follow IndianaFIRST on [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#).

Invite the general public to attend the event and RSVP by sharing our PUBLIC [Perry Meridain District Event Eventbrite page](#). (Please note this is not the RSVP for the VIP Event!).

Thank you,

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