



To: School Committee  
From: John Tsombakos, Raj Patel  
Re: FIRST Competition: Overnight Field Trip

**BAE Granite State Regional**

Verizon Wireless Arena  
Manchester, NH  
Dates: 2/26/2009 - 2/28/2009  
Days out of school: 2

**Chesapeake Regional**

U.S. Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD  
Dates: 3/18/2009 - 3/22/2009  
Days out of school: 1

This year we will be participating in two regional competitions; BAE Granite State Regional in Manchester, NH on February 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 and Chesapeake Regional in Annapolis, MD on March 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009. Lodging will be required for the entire team for four (4) nights.

**BAE Granite State Regional:** Manchester is about an hour drive from Shrewsbury, so we will be driving to and from the event each day. The Team will travel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday via yellow school bus and will leave SHS at 6:30am each day and return at 9:00pm each day. Team 467 plans to take 25-30 students and 10 adult chaperones and coaches. (Itinerary attached)

**Chesapeake Regional:** Annapolis is about an 8-hour drive from Shrewsbury. The entire team will depart after school on Wednesday, March 18 via chartered bus, and will stay in the hotel overnight. The team will leave the event by Noon on Sunday, March 22, eat dinner on the way, and arrive back at the school approx. midnight. Team 467 plans to take 25-30 students and 10 adult chaperones and coaches. (Itinerary attached)

During Regionals and all team events student are accountable for their actions. All students must follow the SHS Handbook in addition to Team 467 Handbook. If students are found in violation of either handbook, parents will be called and ask to take there child home. This includes a phone call home from Annapolis.

We will review the list of anticipated Shrewsbury Robotics participants with Judy DeFalco (SHS school nurse). Those students, who require special prescription medicine, must indicate this on the medical release as well give it to either John Tsombakos or Raj Patel. A school official will hold and dispense as directed. All medicines MUST be transported in their original prescription bottle.

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There are many adult chaperones and coaches that have indicated an interest in attending providing a good ratio (1:3) of chaperones to students;

- Teachers and Staff: John Tsombakos, Raj Patel, Scott Bartholomew
- Sponsor Engineers: Josh Freier, Adam Jacobson, Kush Patel
- Parents & Community Members: Eric Dieffenbach, Nancy Donoghue, Rich & Cathy Cooper, Dawna Alphonse

The total cost per each high school student attending these trips will be \$300.00. This amount includes two regional, Four- (4) night hotel stay, and yet to be planned activities. Make check out to: **Shrewsbury Robotics**. A permission slip has been attached and must be filled by all team members. Emergency information will be taken from PowerSchool and Emergency Card.

Our team prides its self on being a family; we will make every attempt for all team members to travel to our events. If there are any families that are unable to pay the \$300 travel cost, you must speak with Raj Patel **on later the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Raj will be the only one that knows you have asked for a reduce cost. There will be a Team Travel meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at the High School in the Food Lab.

Student should bring at least \$25.00 per person per day for food, plus \$2.00 per person for the bus driver's tip. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel in Chesapeake and the team will be treating for dinner in Chesapeake on Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights.

A side from payment all students must complete all **Qualifications for Attending Competitions** from the team handbook.

Go Team!

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## Itinerary – Manchester, NH

### Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 AM	Depart
8:00 AM	Depart SHS Gym Parking Lot
8:00 AM - 12 Noon	Pits and machine shop opens Team works on Robot and arranges pit area Registers Team 467 and Robot is inspected prior to NOON
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Practice Rounds and Intelligence Gathering Activities
8:00 PM	Pit Closes / Machine Shop Closes
9:00 PM	Team Meeting at High School – Strategy

### Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30 AM	<b>QUALIFYING MATCHES</b> Depart SHS Gym Parking Lot
8:00 AM	Vehicles Arrive
8:00 AM	Pit Opens / Machine Shop Opens
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 AM - 12 Noon	Seeding Matches Intelligence Gathering of assigned teams
12 Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break (Students must pay)
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Seeding Matches Intelligence Gathering of assigned teams
5:00 PM - 8 PM	Team Dinner and Social
6:00 PM	Pit Closes / Machine Shop Closes
8:00 PM	Depart for Shrewsbury High School

### Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

6:30 AM	<b>QUALIFYING / ELIMINATIONS</b> Depart SHS Gym Parking Lot
8:00 AM	Pit Opens / Machine Shop Opens
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 AM - 12 Noon	Seeding Matches
12 Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:40 PM - 1:00 PM	Alliance Selections
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Final Rounds
3:00 PM	Award Ceremony
On or before 5 PM	Robot is re-crated
On or before 5 PM	Bus leaves for Shrewsbury
5:00 PM	Pit Closes / Machine Shop Closes
7:00 PM	Arrival at Shrewsbury High School

Students will have access to call home!

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## Itinerary – Chesapeake

### Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM

#### Depart

Students depart for Chesapeake

### Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM

8:00 AM - Noon

10:00 - 5:00 PM

5:00 PM

8:00 PM

#### Practice Rounds

Pits and machine shop opens

Advance Team works on Robot and arranges pit area

Registers Team 467 and Robot is inspected prior to NOON

Practice Rounds and Intelligence Gathering Activities

Team Dinner / Check in at hotel

Pit Closes / Machine Shop Closes

### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

9:20 AM - 12 Noon

12 Noon - 1:00 PM

1:00 - 4:45 PM

4:45 PM

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

6:00 PM

7:30 PM

#### Qualifying Matches

Pit Opens / Machine Shop Opens

Opening Ceremonies

Seeding Matches

Intelligence Gathering of assigned teams

Lunch Break (Students must pay)

Seeding Matches

Intelligence Gathering of assigned teams

Award Ceremony

Dinner

Pit Closes / Machine Shop Closes

Return to Hotel

### Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

9:20 AM - 12 Noon

12 Noon - 1:00 PM

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

3:00 PM

On or before 5 PM

On or before 5 PM

5:00 PM

#### Qualifying / Eliminations Matches

Pit Opens / Machine Shop Opens

Opening Ceremonies

Seeding Matches

Lunch Break (Students must pay)

Alliance Selections

Final Rounds

Award Ceremony

Robot is re-crated for Shipment to Hartford

Bus leaves for Shrewsbury

Pit Closes / Machine Shop Closes

### Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Approx 12:00 PM

#### Depart

Students depart for Shrewsbury

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**Permission Slip**

If my child qualifies to attend, I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the trip to **BAE Granite State Regional** on Feb 2/26/2009 - 2/28/2009 and / or **Chesapeake Regional** on 3/18/2009 - 3/22/2009. I understand my child if my child is selected on the advance team, he/she will be traveling to destination in private insured vehicles driven solely by adults.

Should illness or accident occur during the event, I will not hold Shrewsbury Public Schools or its employees, any of our sponsors or their employees or any adult supervisor liable for any medical or additional expenses. I give my permission for any medical attention to be given if my child becomes injured or ill. I will also not hold Shrewsbury Public Schools or its employees, any of our sponsors or their employees or any adult supervisor liable for any loss of personal property. Please limit your child to not more than \$25 spending money per day, plus \$2.00 for the bus driver's tip.

All rules pertaining to behavior and attendance as outlined in the SHS Student Handbook and the Team 467 Handbook are strictly enforced at all times. Any student violating any rules in the SHS Student Handbook will be subjected to the appropriate discipline upon his/her return to school.

If necessary, disciplinary actions will also be taken while students are still on the trip including being sent home immediately. Parent will be responsible to retrieve child, should it be determined necessary. Shrewsbury Robotics represents our school, our town, and our corporate sponsors.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

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**Please print name of Parent or Guardian**

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**Signature of Student**

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