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## 2026 Ventura District Event Team Guide





**Congratulations on completing the robot build season.**

**Now let's get ready for the competition!**

**Greetings and Welcome to the 2026 Ventura *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition District Event!**

In preparation for the Ventura District Event, we've put together this Event Guide to help teams get the most fun out of the competition. We hope the information found in this guide answers your questions, but if you have anything left outstanding, please don't hesitate to contact the *FIRST* California Regional Director, Aimee Beck at [abeck@firstinspires.org](mailto:abeck@firstinspires.org).

Additional details for the 2026 Ventura District Event, as well as a list of participating teams, are available on the *FIRST* [event information webpage](#). Teams are also reminded that the complete [Competition Manual](#) is available from *FIRST*<sup>®</sup>.

We wish you the best of luck at the event!

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## 2026 District Event Schedule

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<b>Friday, March 13</b>	
4:00PM - 8:00PM	Pits Open, Load In, Registration, Inspections, Field Open for Measurement & Calibration (time tentative based on field setup), <i>FIRST</i> Leadership Award Interviews

<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	
8:00AM - 10:00AM	Pits Open, Inspections, Practice Rounds
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Driver's Meeting
10:30AM - 10:50AM	Opening Ceremonies
10:50AM - 1:00PM	Qualification Matches
1:00PM - 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM - 7:00PM	Qualification Matches
8:00PM	Pits Close

<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	
8:00AM	Pits Open
9:00AM - 9:20AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:20AM - 12:30PM	Qualification Matches
~12:30PM - 1:00PM	Alliance Selection (begins 8 minutes after the end of Qualification Matches)
1:00PM - 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM	Machine Shop Closes
2:00PM - 5:00PM	Playoff Matches & Awards Ceremony
~5:30PM	Pits close 30 minutes following the close of the Closing Ceremony

**\*\*Schedule subject to change. All times are estimated based on the flow of the matches.**

**See the Pit Administration table for updated times.**

## Directions to the Ventura District Event

### Venue address:

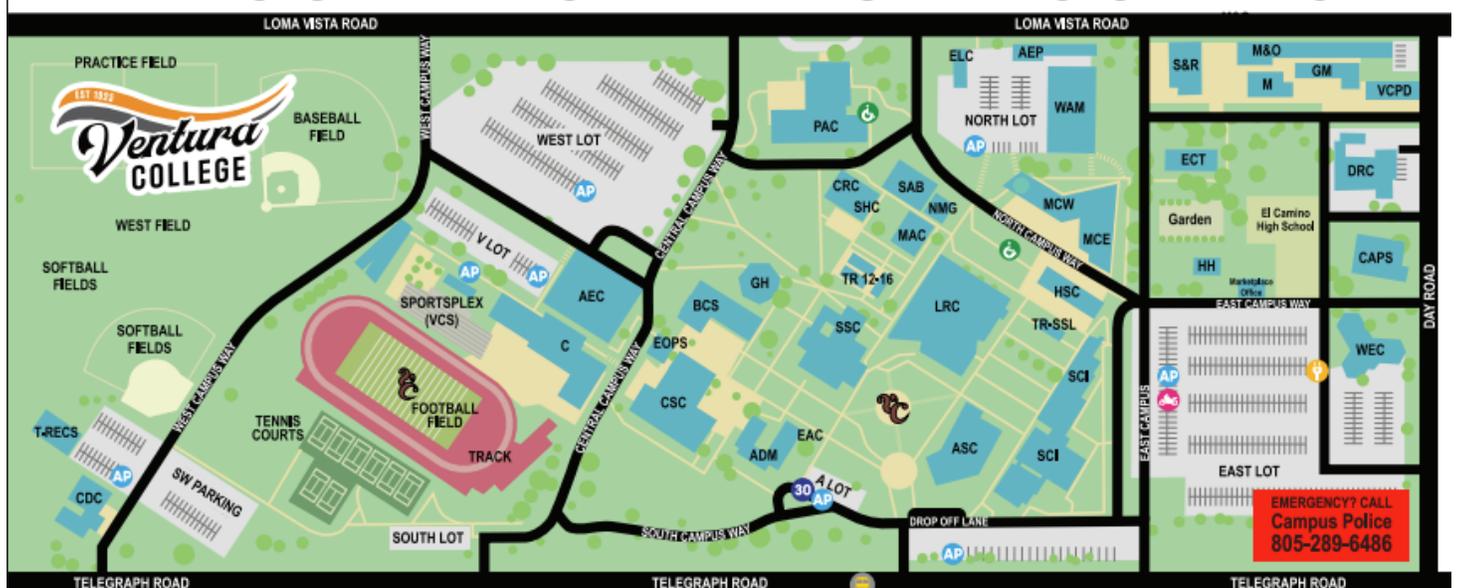
[Athletic Events Center \(Large Gym\)](#)

Pirate Way, Ventura, CA 93003

34.27725479023484, -119.23344663124341

[Campus Map](#)

# WELCOME TO VENTURA COLLEGE



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<p>ADM _____Administration (Administration &amp; EAC)</p> <p>AEC _____Athletic Event Center (Large Gym, Fitness Center)</p> <p>AEP _____Auto Education Program</p> <p>ASC _____Applied Science Center</p> <p>BCS _____Bookstore &amp; Campus Services (Basic Needs, Food Pantry, Bookstore, Dreamers Ctr, Fin. Aid)</p> <p>C _____Kinesiology/Small Gym</p> <p>CDC _____Orfalea Child Development Center</p> <p>CRC _____Creative Resources Center (Student Health Center)</p> <p>CSC _____Campus Student Center (ASVC, CalWORKS, FYE, Marketing, Outreach, Vending, Veterans)</p> <p>DRC _____Day Road Center (VC Foundation, Institutional Effectiveness)</p> <p>EAC _____Educational Assistance Center</p> <p>ECT _____Environmental/Construction Technology</p> <p>ELC _____English Learning Center (Testing Center)</p> <p>EOP&amp;S _____Extended Opportunities Programs &amp; Services</p> <p>GH _____Guthrie Hall</p> <p>GM _____Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>HSC _____Health Sciences Center (CNA, Nursing, EMT, Paramedic)</p> <p>HH _____Head House</p> <p>LRC _____Library &amp; Learning Resource Center (Assistive Tech Training Ctr, Ricoh Copy Ctr, Tutoring)</p> <p>MAC _____Media Arts Center</p>	<p>M _____Maintenance</p> <p>M&amp;O _____Maintenance and Operations</p> <p>MCE _____Multidisciplinary Center East</p> <p>MCW _____Multidisciplinary Center West (Career Education, Vending)</p> <p>NMG _____New Media Gallery</p> <p>PAC _____Performing Arts Center</p> <p>SAB _____Studio Arts Building</p> <p>SC _____Sciences Building</p> <p>SSC _____Student Services Center (Admissions &amp; Records, Career Dev. Ctr, Compass Welcome Ctr, Counseling, International Students, Registration, Student Business Office, Student Information Center, University Transfer Ctr)</p> <p>S&amp;R Warehouse _____Shipping &amp; Receiving</p> <p>T-RECS _____Teacher Resource and Education Center for Students</p> <p>TR 12-15 _____Trailer Classroom (Between MAC &amp; SSC Bldg.)</p> <p>TR 16 _____CNA Skills Lab (Between MAC &amp; SSC Bldg.)</p> <p>TR-SSL _____Simulation Skills Lab</p> <p>VCS _____Ventura College Sportsplex</p> <p>VCPD _____Ventura College Campus Police 805-289-6486 (Lost &amp; Found)</p> <p>WAM _____Welding, Auto &amp; Manufacturing</p> <p>WEC _____Wright Event Center</p>
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**Virtual Map Located [bit.ly/VGmap](#)**



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## Load-In/Out Map



### Load-In and Load-Out Route

All robot load-in must line up along W Campus Way, turning in from Telegraph Road.

Vehicles will not block driveways or intersections.

Teams will load in their equipment on Friday evening from 4:00 pm until 7:45 pm. Once in the load-in zone, teams are asked to quickly but safely unload their equipment and then promptly relocate their vehicles to the designated parking lot.



**During load-in drivers must stay with the vehicle at all times; no exceptions. An adult mentor must be present inside the venue with any students.**

We recognize that the loading process may take some time, but teams are asked to be mindful of others as they are trying to do the same. Once your vehicle is unloaded please return to the West Parking Lot for lot parking. Parking attendants and volunteers will be on hand to help direct and assist you. Overnight trailer parking will be in the Softball Lot.

## Load-In Instructions

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All robot load-in must line up along W Campus Way, turning in from Telegraph Road. The following rules must also be followed during load-in:

- One driver will stay with the vehicle while the other helps load into the venue.
- Venue restrictions require that **safety glasses must be put on before entering the pit area**. Team members must be prepared to wear them as soon they get out of their vehicles. Everyone entering the pit area, including during load-in, closed-heeled and closed-toed shoes, appropriate clothing, and appropriate hair ties.
- There is no limit to the number of team members allowed in the pits. However, we do recommend having at least 5 people to allow for quick unloading of your vehicles.
- If you have multiple vehicles, please make sure they arrive in line at the same time if possible.
- Be in contact with your team. When you have entered the load in bay, please call your team to unload the vehicle.
- **Teams will have 15 minutes to unload each vehicle**. If your unloading is taking longer than expected, we may require you to exit and wait in line to allow another team to begin unloading.

## Load-Out Instructions

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Load-out vehicles will be staged up W Campus Way. Vehicles will be directed from that point. **As with load-in, drivers must stay with the vehicle at all times and an adult mentor must be present with the team.**

For load-out, all pit materials, tools, and robots must be queued in the staging area before your team's vehicle(s) is called forward.

## Student Drop Off and Pick Up

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All vehicles and buses should drop off and pick up team members in Vehicle/Bus drop off in the West Parking Lot. Busses and Trailers can be parked in the Softball Lot on W Campus Way.

Please be mindful of students and faculty - the college will be in session.

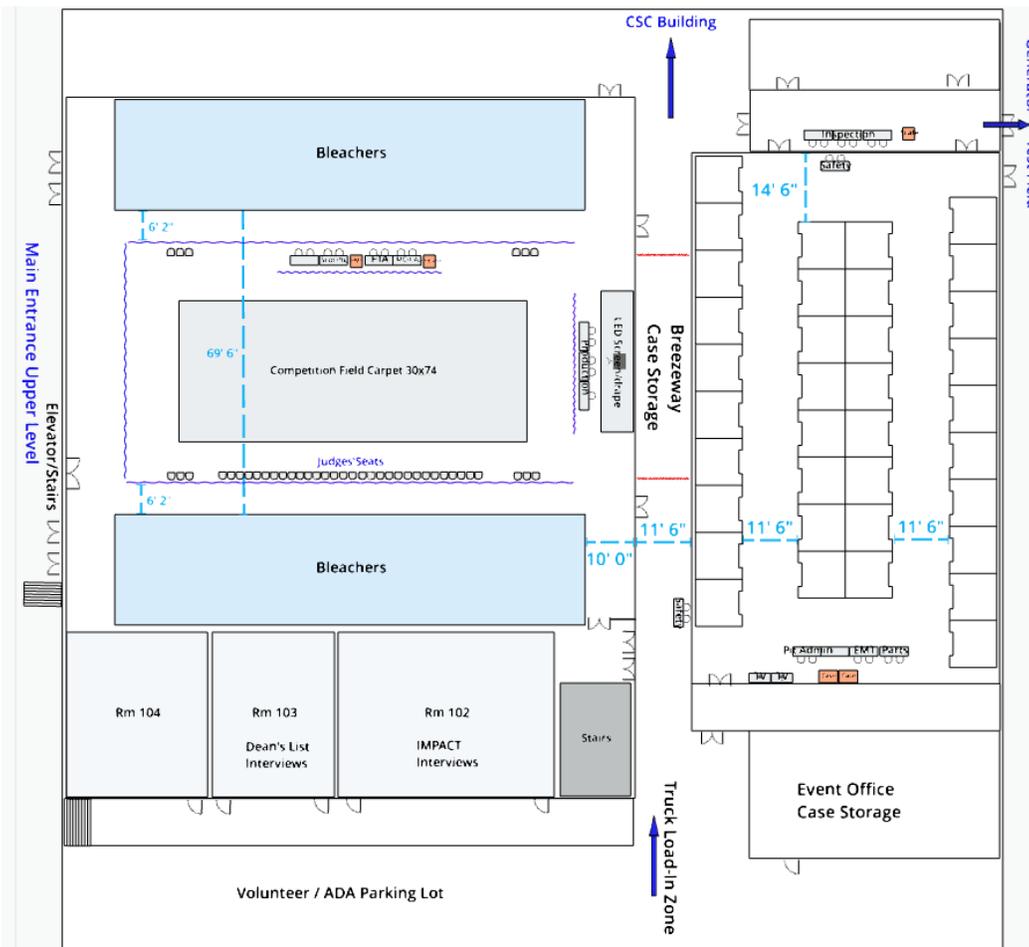
Free parking will be available in the West Parking Lot, the East Parking Lot (off Day Road and Telegraph Road), along Telegraph Rd and Day Rd, or in the North Lot (off Loma Vista).

Free overnight parking is available at the Softball Field Parking Lot for trucks/trailers.

VC will have a “Weekend Marketplace” Saturday and Sunday from 8am - 2pm. Parking will be limited, watch for parking signs!

## Event Layout

A pit map will be on display at the venue and printed and placed in your Pit Admin Envelope. The test and machine shop are located on campus as well.





Teams are required to have team-provided safety glasses at all times before entering the venue. **The venue will not provide safety glasses for teams.**

Each pit is a 10' x 10' space with one power drop per team. Teams are encouraged to bring their own power strip with an appropriate surge protector. Any items taped to the floor—such as extension cords—must be attached with gaffer tape only. No electrical or duct tape should be used.

We will not be providing pit tables. Please bring your own if needed.

Team equipment is restricted to their designated 10' x 10' space. Teams are not permitted to have items overflow in the aisle, an adjoining team's pit space, or any other open space near a team's pit. This restriction includes tools as well as backpacks, coats, and seating. However, teams are allowed to have a "lunch" area in outdoor courtyard. Teams are allowed to bring a pop-up, tables, and chairs for the lunch area. Please be respectful of space, and ensure all teams have space available.

**Teams are encouraged to show their team spirit through their pit decorations and mascots.**

For pit display ideas, see the Chief Delphi threads on [Pit Structure Ideas](#) and [What Makes a Good Pit?](#)

## Venue Respect

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Please ensure your team is being gracious professionals. Do not litter inside or outside of the venue, ensure all trash goes into a receptacle. The school will be in session, and other events will occur while we are there. Ensure you are following all traffic and parking guidelines.

Please be kind to all volunteers and staff. If you are not being gracious professionals, you may be removed from the event.

## Machine Shop

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VCC will have a machine shop available on campus! Talk to Pit Admin for help.

Teams are not allowed to run fabrication equipment (e.g., 3D printers) outside of when the pits are open.

Hours for the machine shop are listed in the schedule.

## Local Hardware Stores

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Here's a short list of nearby hardware stores within close proximity to the venue.

- Harbor Freight Tools (2.0 miles) 1425 S Victoria Ave Ste B, Ventura, CA 93003



- Lowe's Home Improvement (2.5 miles) 500 S Mills Rd, Ventura, CA 93003
- Contractors' Warehouse (2.7 miles) 2625 Johnson Dr, Ventura, CA 93003
- B&R Tool and Supply Company (3.0 miles) 1711 Callens Rd, Ventura, CA 93003
- Franklin's ACE Hardware (3.5 miles) 1870 E Thompson Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

## Food Options

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Food Vendors will be available on-site. Food must be consumed in the designated areas. To save time, we highly recommend pre-orders. All vendors accept pre-orders through text, email, and/or their website.

**KABOBAHOLIC** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm on Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- Wraps... Beef, Chicken, Gyro (Halal), Falafel (Vegan/Vegetarian)
- Loaded Fries ...Sloppy, Gyro, Last Call
- Fries... Garlic Feta, Cheese, Plain
- Beverages: Assorted drinks and water

Text pre-orders +1(949)400-4696

Email pre-orders [kabobaholic@gmail.com](mailto:kabobaholic@gmail.com)

Website for full menu and pre-order <https://thekabobaholic.com>

It's recommended that each team assigns a few adults to develop a plan for providing meals and snacks for the team throughout the event.

To make sure your team is prepared and on time for their first match after lunch, it's highly recommended that the entire team not leave the venue for lunch.

## Impact Award and FIRST Leadership Award Interview Information

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### *Impact Award Interviews*

The Impact Award interviews will be held on Saturday, March 14. The Impact Awards interview schedule will be posted in the Pit Admin area Friday.

The interviews will be held in room 102. See the venue map for exact location. Teams are expected to check in with the Impact Award queuer at the hallway entrance next to the Impact Award sign 15 minutes prior to their interview. If they cannot make their scheduled time, it is up to the team to find another team willing to swap interview times. Both teams will then come to Pit Admin who can approve the change and Pit Admin must alert the Judge Advisor.



## *FIRST Leadership Award Interviews*

The *FIRST* Leadership Award interviews will be conducted on Friday, March 13. The interview schedule has been emailed to lead coach 1 and 2.

Interviewees are expected to check in with the *FIRST* Leadership Award queuer at the hallway entrance next to the *FIRST* Leadership Award sign 15 minutes prior to their interview time.

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## National Anthem Tryouts

Team members are welcome to try out to perform the National Anthem at opening ceremonies. Tryouts will be virtual, via a submitted video. Application will close at 11:59PMPST the Sunday before the event.

[SoCal National Anthem Tryouts 2026 – Fill out form](#)

<https://forms.office.com/r/6uFrAX5ugn>

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## Social Media

During the Ventura District Event, teams are encouraged to use social media to showcase their adventures by using the hashtags:

- #FIRSTRoboticsCalifornia
- #VenturaDistrictEvent
- @FIRST\_Official\_
- #FIRSTINSPIRES
- #OMGROBOTS
- #MoreThanRobots
- #FIRSTtweets

The Ventura District Event will be streamed on multiple *FIRST* Inspires Twitch channels. Please refer to the [FRC.Watch](#) webpage for links and channel for more information.

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## Security Reminders

It is highly recommended that teams use security locks or cables to attach computers to a large object such as a table. Label all robot batteries, battery chargers, controllers, etc. with your team number. Turn in lost and found items to the Pit Admin in the Pit area. Do not leave valuables unattended.



Everyone (all ages) **entering** the pit area, including during load-in, must wear safety glasses at entry. This is venue-specific. Teams **MUST** bring enough safety glasses for every student, mentor, and family member who may be visiting the team in the Pit area.

Everyone is required to wear ANSI-approved eye protection (safety glasses) while in the Pit area. Lightly tinted yellow, rose, blue, and amber tints are *FIRST* approved. Reflective lenses are prohibited; eyes must be visible to others.

*FIRST* Robotics Competition participants must wear closed-toed shoes that completely cover the entire foot. Shoes must be substantial and have closed toe and heels to protect against foot injuries, regardless of work location. Flip-flops, sandals, mules, lightweight slippers, Crocs, etc. are not acceptable.

Spectators attending *FIRST* competitions should follow the same footwear rules as the teams. Loose sandals (like flip-flops) or bare feet are not permitted in the Pit area under any circumstances. Spectators who do not meet the footwear requirement for participants are not allowed inside individual team Pits or where robots are being worked on; they must remain in the Pit aisles only.

Children 12 and under must have a person 18 or older with them at all times. Child strollers and baby carriages are not allowed within the individual Pit stations.

Safety glasses are required during load-in. If the team ships their robot in a crate, then it's important to bring safety glasses with them for load-in.

## Venue Restrictions

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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.

- **Do not save bleacher seats.**
- **Do not use skateboards or 'hoverboards'.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use drones.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not bring bottled gas tanks (e.g. helium).** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use noisy devices,** such as floor stompers, whistles, and/or air horns.
- **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).
- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts or any promotional products.
- **Do not distribute any food products;** such as candy, soft drinks, or fruit within the pits or the grandstands. There are designated eating areas for your convenience.
- **Do not sell raffle tickets.**
- **Do not use walkie-talkies.**



- **Do not invite or bring live bands to play in the audience.** This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than one warning, power to the team Pit will be turned off and/or the music device confiscated.
- **Do not form "tunnels" during the Awards Ceremony.** This can cause discomfort to those traveling through them and creates safety issues.
- **Outside food and beverages are allowed ONLY in the designated eating area,**  
Only bottled water is allowed in all other areas. You may set up your lunch area and keep it for the entire District Event. However, you are responsible for cleaning your area. Please bring large black garbage bags for your trash. DO NOT put large trash items in the garbage cans. There will be a designated area for your trash bags.
- **Do not hang anything on the venue walls;** including signs, banners, flags, drapes, etc.