



GO FIRST Post-Kickoff Webcasting Event

To all FRC teams out there GO FIRST is hosting their second Annual Post-Kickoff (PoKo) event for FRC teams Saturday, January 7 at 12:30 pm. This event offers a great opportunity for both rookie and veteran teams to come together with a group of FIRST alumni and mentors with over 75 combined years of FIRST experience to discuss the newly announced 2012 game. During the discussion, we will go over and discuss the new rules, elements of the game, and begin to discuss strategies, scoring, game breakers, and other relevant topics to help prepare teams for what lies ahead. More on PoKo can be found here <http://www.mngofirst.org/poko>.

While this event is traditionally hosted on the University of Minnesota campus, we are looking this year to open access to this event to more teams across the state. With several official FIRST Kickoff events happening all across the state we hope to bring everyone together to join in on the discussion.

To accomplish this feat we will be broadcasting a live stream of the event alongside the slideshow presentation. This can be found at <http://www.mngofirst.org/webcast-central>. To bring more discussion to our web viewers we also will be facilitating a live moderated discussion through an embedded IRC chat, which can be found on the same page. Access to this chat is open to anyone; no sign-up or separate accounts are required. We will also have several GO FIRST member moderators at the live event taking questions, comments, and concerns from the internet chat and applying them to the live discussion going on at the U of M. We will also be live streaming the chat on a second screen in the auditorium, with possible video uplinks to the other state locations for two-way video discussion.

While we are capable of hosting the stream, we need the help from teams at other kickoff locals. If teams are willing and if space requirements make it possible, we hope that a team at each location can be a “satellite host” and help facilitate discussion between the teams present at your location and us at the U of M campus. Responsibilities would include

- Setting up the live stream for all to see
- Setting up a second computer with a webcam for possible video chat / question asking with those at the main event
- Facilitating and funneling the focus to the discussion and topics at hand

If you have any questions about PoKo please contact gofirst@umn.edu.

If you have any questions about the live streaming event or are willing to help with the internet live chat, please contact Bryan Stadick at stadi012@umn.edu.

Thank you.

~ Bryan Stadick – GO FIRST member