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CNY VEX IQ Robotics Challenge 2019



SYRACUSE, NY (January 18, 2019) – A total of 38 teams are registered to compete during the **Central New York Regional VEX IQ Robotics Challenge** on Saturday, January 26. The fifth annual event will be held starting at 9 a.m. at the Museum of Science & Technology (MOST).

The design, build, and compete event uses a VEX IQ robotics kit that was designed to be simple and easy for students as young as 8 years old to use. Structural pieces snap together and come apart without tools, allowing for quick build times and easy modifications.

Each year's challenge is different and requires teams to work together to accomplish a task with robots they build and program. '[Next Level](#)' is this year's theme.

This is the fifth year the MOST has hosted the VEX IQ Robotics Challenge with competition suited for students in grades 4 through 8. This year's registration is up nearly 50% from 2018 competition.

"The goal of all of the MOST's outreach competitions is to empower as many students in Central New York as possible to get hands-on with STEM topics that will enhance and support their education," said Lauren Kochian, MOST President. "It's wonderful to welcome a record number of student teams for this year's robotics competition at the MOST."

Teams arrive at the MOST starting at 9 a.m. for registration, and the event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies. Matches are expected to start at 9:45 a.m. with the Awards Ceremony beginning at approximately 2 p.m.

Many awards will be granted, and the winners of the Excellence Award, Teamwork Champion Award, and Robot Skills Champion Award will qualify to compete in the 2019 Northern New York State VEX IQ Championship, which will be held at the MOST on Saturday, March 9 starting at 9 a.m.

The deadline to register has passed, but members of the public are invited to attend. Complimentary admission will be offered until 10 a.m., and regular admission fees will apply starting at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit the [MOST website](#).

Competition is organized by the MOST and sponsored by SRC, The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation, Berkshire Bank, Digital Analysis Corp, Dunkin' Donuts, Lockheed Martin, NASA, Syracuse University's Department of Engineering & Computer Science, and the Technology Alliance of Central New York.

About the MOST

The Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) is a hands-on science and technology museum for all ages. The MOST hosts numerous STEM education programs and community outreach events annually and is home to 35,000 square feet of interactive permanent and traveling exhibits, Silverman Planetarium, and Bristol IMAX® Omnitheater - the only domed IMAX theater in New York State. The MOST's vision is to be a preeminent science and technology center, inspiring all generations through hands-on education and entertainment.

The MOST is regularly open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The Museum is open on Mondays and Tuesdays for local school Winter Recess, Midwinter Break and Spring Break. For hours and pricing, visit most.org or call 315.425.9068.

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