

Dear FLL Teams,

You are invited to participate in the fifth annual Los Altos Robotics Share-a-thon on **Sunday, November 9, from 1:30 - 4:30 at Oak School in Los Altos.**

This year's Share-a-thon will be just like previous Share-a-thons. If you're a Share-a-thon veteran and know you want to present your project, the registration form is at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/fzBM6dDr1g>

If you're a Share-a-thon rookie or are undecided, there's **more information below.**

Registration closes on Wednesday, November 5 at 9:00 p.m., or when all presentation slots are filled. I will send a confirmation email next week after registration closes.

We have capacity for 16 teams. If many more teams sign up, I will consider extending the schedule to provide more slots. If the Share-a-thon is oversubscribed, I will give preference to Los Altos / Mountain View area teams that signed up early and committed to presenting.

Registration is required for teams that will present their project.

For teams that just want to watch, registration helps me estimate the audience size.

We will also need a volunteer to help clean up the room after the Share-a-thon. Please let me know if you might assist.

Good luck to your teams,

Preston Roper
Los Altos Robotics

More Information on the Share-a-thon

The Share-a-thon is a practice session for project presentations. Your team will have a 7-1/2 minute slot to present your project (including setup) and take questions from the audience.

1. Sharing: Sharing your results is one of the requirements for completing the FLL project. To help you prepare for such presentations, we hold the Share-a-Thon as an opportunity to practice your presentation amongst the FLL community in a friendly and encouraging environment.

2. Feedback: This is an opportunity for the kids to get constructive feedback. Please provide constructive comments like: "That's a clever way of doing X" or "I got lost when you said Y. Could you explain that differently?"

3. Discussion: The Share-a-thon will be an opportunity for the kids to share ideas on doing the project. Please come prepared to discuss questions such as:

- How did you choose a topic?
- Where did you find experts? What was your experience in contacting them?
- Did you run an experiment or build a prototype?
- How did you choose your style of presentation (e.g. formal or entertaining)
- What went well? What was hard?

Teams who don't have a project this year or who are not ready to present are encouraged to attend to participate in the discussion and get tips on doing the project.

If you feel reluctant to share your team's 'trade secrets', please remember two FLL Core Values:

- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.

If every team gives a little, we can all go home with a lot.

The Share-a-thon is open to all FLL teams, regardless of whether they are attending the Los Altos tournament. There is \$5 charge per team to present which helps cover the cost of room rental. (Spectators are free.)

Aside from helping teams prepare for their sharing requirement, your team's participation at the Share-a-thon has no effect on your results at tournament. Feel free to invite friends who might have relevant expertise to share with the kids or who might become interested in FLL.

The schedule for the day is:

1:30 - 1:42 Teams arrive, get settled (help setup chairs), opening remarks

1:42 - 2:50 Presentations

2:50 - 3:00 Break, mingling, late arrivals, early departures

3:00 - 4:25 Presentations by teams

4:25 - 4:30+ Mingling, cleanup (put away chairs)

If your team would like to participate, fill out the registration form via the link above.