Hey everybody in the VEXU universe,

Have you heard the program is growing and more teams are registering? There is a brand new event in Monroe MI. Get your teams registered let the games begin.

With a tip of the hat to David Letterman the top 10 reasons to attend this event:

10. The event is in Monroe MI the southeastern corner of the state with Lake Erie a mere 6 miles away. Means we are centrally located for teams to attend from MI, IN, OH, PA, KY, IL and other really neat places.

9. The event is March 4, 2017. You still have time to build your robots and register your teams. The date was chosen after some communication and looking for the best date. There is no such thing as a perfect date but from feedback this is the best date.

8. This year for the first time VEXU teams can compete in as many tournaments as they can. Check out the VEXU qualifying criteria posted here. <u>http://www.roboticseducation.org/documents/2014/10/vex-u-world-championship-qualifying-criteria.pdf</u>

7. Teams this year only have one robot to build. Good time to create 2 teams instead of only 1.

6. This is the first VEXU tournament to be held in MI. Have no fear though with the conclusion of this year there will have been 15 events managed by the 3547 VIRUS VEX Group on MCCC's campus. Register here: https://www.robotevents.com/robot-competitions/college-competition/RE-VEXU-16-5379.html

5. MCCC will have a team at the competition. This is exciting for us. The VEX Virus group will have a resume that includes team(s) in every VEX division and at least one event in every division for the Starstruck season. It looks like it is the most vertically integrated program in the world.

4. You can meet us at the Purdue Event Feb 11, 2017. Well we would like to meet you. Remember there is no limit to the number of tournaments you can compete in.

3. Skills will be offered. A total of 5 teams from skills will be offered spots at the CMP. Check out the link in number 8 above.

2. Excellence award winner gets to go to world championship in Louisville Ky. If we can draw 10+ teams to the event we may get a second spot for championship.

1. It is fun and you may make a new friend with similar career paths.

Have a VEXxellent day

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