

## Bedford Express 2011-2012

### RETURNING TEAM MEMBER Application:

Instructions: Please read each section and be sure to complete all of the requirements per section. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

#### Important Dates:

- **Returning team member** applications are due by **May 23, 2011**
- **New member** applications are due by **September 9, 2011**
- **Interviews** for leadership positions will be held in June.

#### Profile of a F.I.R.S.T. Student: (Please Read)

1. Team Player
2. Self-Motivated
3. Hard-Working
4. Trustworthy
5. Willing to learn AND be open to new ideas
6. Willing to sacrifice other activities for the team
7. Willing to commit an extensive amount of time to the program
8. Willing to follow through and fulfill varsity requirements if a varsity letter is desired
9. Willing to adhere to the student handbook
10. Commitment to punctuality and good attendance
11. Academic responsibility
12. Willing to exhibit spirit for the team
13. Exhibits Gracious Professionalism.

#### Helpful Websites:

- ❖ [www.bedfordexpress.org](http://www.bedfordexpress.org)
- ❖ [www.bedfordrobotics.com](http://www.bedfordrobotics.com)
- ❖ [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)
- ❖ [www.cheifdelphi.com](http://www.cheifdelphi.com)
- ❖ [www.firstinmichigan.org](http://www.firstinmichigan.org)
- ❖ [www.thebluealliance.com](http://www.thebluealliance.com)

## Team Student/Parent Information

- Selection of team will be done in the following format:
  - Student must complete official application with required information
  - Application must be turned in by the application date. If you do not have the completed application turned in by May 23, 2011 you will not be considered for early admittance. If you do not have the completed application by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 you may lose the privilege of being considered for the 2012 team.
  - Coaches will review and evaluate the applications.
  - Consideration for selection will be based on student application, parent questionnaire, student evaluation (interview for leadership positions only), interest in math and science, special skills, attitude, behavior, ability to work with others, and attendance patterns (not necessarily in this order).
- After school activities and Saturday events will be required for all team members.
- Attendance will be taken. Excessive absences may result in dismissal from the team or loss of travel privileges.
- Attendance for all BX Competitions is mandatory.
- Students may be removed from the team for lack of participation or behavior that is not appropriate. Coaches and mentors will discuss and when necessary vote on this removal.
- During competition students will follow rules of conduct or behavior and all procedures as required by the student handbook. Violation will result in discipline measures as decided by the coaches/mentors. If at a distant site, the student may be sent home at the expense of the parents.
- All students will follow the directives of the coaches/mentors at all times. Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with the coaches/mentors.
- Any team member receiving a penalty hall or suspension from school may be subject to a review for possible dismissal from the team.
- New team members will be on a probationary period through the first tournament. This is a trial period for the student and the team.
- Students must maintain “passing” grades in order to travel and/or participate with the team (passing means no incompletes, failures, and nothing below a C on a grade card).
- All student team members are required to participate in fundraising and sponsorship efforts. Guidelines will be provided at the parent meeting. See coaches immediately if you are having difficulty obtaining your goal.
- Transportation for after school activities **MUST** be provided by a parent. The staff **CANNOT** provide transportation per guidelines. Students are encouraged to arrange car pools as much as often. District, Regional and World event transportation will be arranged by the team when possible

## **BX Student Application Checklist:**

Due May 23, 2011 (early admission & returning members) or September 9, 2011(new members)

### **What is to be turned in by due date:**

- ✓ **Applicant Section:**
  - Resume attached (**Returning Members ONLY**) - include your F.I.R.S.T. experiences
  - Signed and dated Applicant Section
- ✓ **Parent Section:**
  - Completed
  - Signed and dated
- ✓ **Teacher Section (New team members only):**
  - Given to teacher
  - Follow up to be sure your teacher recommendation has been received
- ✓ **Leadership Section (If leadership position is desired):**
  - Completed
  - Signed and dated
  - Interview Scheduled

### **What Applicant keeps:**

- BX Student Application
  - Profile (page 1)
- BX Student/Parent Information form (page 2)

### **Questions?**

- Contact Coach May at [bxcoach1023@gmail.com](mailto:bxcoach1023@gmail.com)

### **Interviews:**

- Interviews for leadership applicants will be held in June.
- We will schedule you for your interview after you turn in your leadership application.



## Applicant Section (student to complete and return):

### General Information – Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2011-2012 Class: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please fill out all of the following sections (check off as you complete).

- Returning Team Members** attach a one page resume (it may be small but it is required). ☺
  
- Read and sign the following:
  - If selected for this team, I am primarily interested in:
    - Robot build (check here if you want robot build but have not specified where)
      - ∇ Mechanical
      - ∇ Electrical
      - ∇ Pneumatics
      - ∇ Programming
      - ∇ Inventor/Design
      - ∇ Special projects
    - Business (check here if you want to be in business but have not specified where)
      - ∇ Awards (Chairman’s and other)
      - ∇ Website maintenance/development
      - ∇ Photography and video documentation
      - ∇ General Team business
      - ∇ Computer Animation
    - If selected for the team, I understand that I will:
      - ∇ Support community awareness and outreach (including FIRST support, tutoring help and all team organized outreach)
      - ∇ Support the mentors and coaches
      - ∇ Maintain my grades with all 70% or higher, and will get help if my grades could put me and/or my team in jeopardy
      - ∇ Work to meet and model the “profile” of a BX student
      - ∇ Attend all mandatory meetings and activities (schedule to be announced)
      - ∇ Take care of my own transportation to and from school (or meeting place)
      - ∇ Obtain the required amount of sponsorship money
      - ∇ Support the team through innovative, open minded, and creative thinking.
  
- I have read the “Team Student/Parent Information sheet” and am willing to commit to this program:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

REMINDER: Applications are due on May 23 (early admission & returning) or Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> (new) to Coach May.

**Parent Section (Parents to complete and return with student application):**

Involvement you as a parent are interested in bringing to the team (This has no bearing on the application, but rather is an indication to us of your interest so we can spread out some of the tasks to those able to help):

- Organize fundraising events
- Football stadium clean-up organizer/helper
- Parents Night Out organizer/helper
- Team Fundraising organizer/helper
- Retreat Organizer/helper
- Teambuilding/professional development assistant
- Design work on the computer
- Part fabrication or machining
- Electrical engineering assistance
- Mechanical engineering assistance
- Welding assistance
- Food/meals coordinator (for the build season)
- Food/meals coordinator (for the competitions)
- Videotaping and Documenting assistant
- Public Relations coordinator
- Travel coordinator (including carpool organizer)
- Website assistance
- Business assistance (finances)
- Uniforms coordinator
- Other involvement? Please indicate any other way you may be able to support the team

Read and sign the following:

- I have read the "Team Student/Parent information sheet."

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- If my son/daughter is selected for the team, I understand that I will have the following responsibilities:

- Transportation to and from school (or meeting place) for my son/daughter
- Help my son/daughter secure their sponsorship goal
- Support the team fundraising as needed
- At most, provide part of two full-team meals (or equivalent) for the team during build season
- Support the team as best I can

- I am willing to support my son/daughter and commit to this program:

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Leadership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions and attach this form to your application.

The position that I am most interested in holding for BX is:

The reason I would like to hold this position is:

The qualities that I possess that would make me a strong leader in this position are:

Write about your vision for the team:

Are you willing to attend extra practices during pre/build/comp. and post seasons? YES NO

Are you willing to attend all competitions that we qualify for? YES NO

Describe how you would make new team members feel welcome on the team:

Describe any leadership positions you have held on Bedford Express:

Describe any leadership positions you have held anywhere else:

If we cannot place you in your top choice, what other positions are you interested in?

As a student leader of team 1023 I am willing to:

- Exhibit gracious professionalism at all times
- Reflect a positive attitude
- Attend Leadership Council Meetings
- Follow through on assigned projects
- Be a role model F.I.R.S.T. Participant

If I am selected to the executive board (captain, co-captain, secretary & treasurer) I am willing to:

- Attend coach and/or mentor meetings when requested
- Help keep communication lines open between team members and coaches/mentors
- Meet fundraising and sponsorship goals
- Help with team decision making
- Keep confidential discussions confidential.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:**

Your child is applying for a leadership position on our team. This position will require extra time commitments and involvement. If they are selected to serve on the leadership council, they will be expected to attend all competitions. Please sign below to state that you are aware of and support this decision that your child has made.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_