



NEW MEXICO *FIRST* TECH CHALLENGE



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Welcome to the *FIRST* Tech Challenge NM Regional Championship!

Hosted by La Academia de Esperanza Charter School and Zia Robotics FRC Team 6974

Welcome to Albuquerque!

Thank you for volunteering January 19-20 at our Regional Championship held here in Albuquerque, New Mexico! This year's game **CENTERSTAGE** is an exciting one! It's time to celebrate the achievements of our teams. Please read the following information and help us have a fantastic tournament.



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Schedule for the Friday, Jan 20, 2024 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

We have access to the venue for setup after 2 PM on Friday. While many volunteer roles are for Saturday, all are welcome to come Friday afternoon/evening to help setup or meet teams. Venue opens to teams at 5PM for early check in, inspection, pit set up and practice. We encourage as many teams as possible to take advantage of this opportunity. Getting all teams inspected in a timely manner will ensure that the event runs on time. At 8:00 PM the venue closes for the night.

If you have problems locating the entrance or checking in, please call Jim at (575) 418-7092 for help!

Saturday, Jan 20, 2024

- 7:00 am Pits open, Team registration opens, Inspection continues
- 7:30 am Teams must be checked in by 7:30 am so we can generate the schedules
- 7:45 am Drivers meeting on the field with the head Ref & Coaches meeting in the Outer Lobby with the Tournament Director. Schedules will be distributed.
- 8:00 am Judging sessions and practice matches begin
- 10:15 am Opening Ceremonies (depends on teams volunteering for Fri judging)
- 10:45 am Qualification Matches begin
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm Qualification matches resume
- 3:00 pm Alliance Selections
- 3:30 pm Elimination matches
- 5:30 pm Awards & Closing ceremony
- 6:30 pm Event ends (all teams please clear by 7:00 pm unless you are helping with teardown!)
- 8:00 pm Building closes

Food

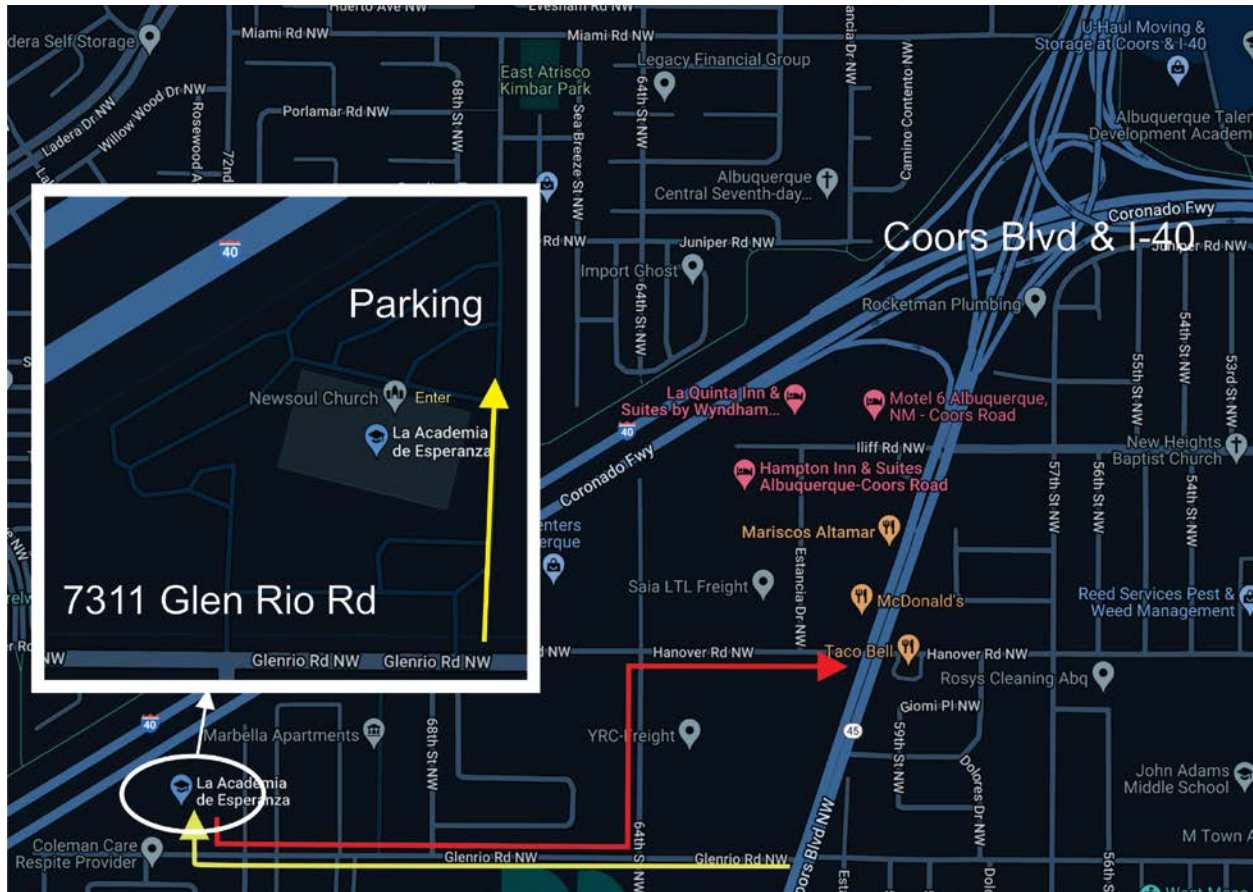
Food and drinks will be provided for all volunteers! There will be a volunteer lounge for taking a break and consumption of food/drink. Food can also be consumed in the auditorium. **Please just clean up after yourself!** The spaces we are in will be used for Church services the very next day, so we need to leave the area as we find it!

Directions & Parking

La Academia de Esperanza Charter School is located at 7311 Glenrio Rd NW. in Albuquerque. They are in a new location and some Google searches will still show it as Newsoul Church (the previous owners of the building). Also, if you are following smartphone navigation, make sure it is going to the 7311 Glenrio Rd address, not Old Coors Blvd (their previous address). When you enter through the gate, drive around to the right side of the building and you will see the doors on the back. All entry, exit & loading

will be through those main doors.

I've attached a map showing how to get to the school and a blow-up of where to park and enter the building. It is easy to get to the school by turning directly onto Glenrio Rd off of Coors Blvd. However, when you leave the school to go north on Coors Blvd (as most probably will), follow the red line I've shown. When departing, you cannot turn left from Glenrio Rd onto northbound Coors Blvd. There is a traffic light at Hanover & Coors which makes that easier & safer.



Things to remember:

- Please have any trainings, certifications, consent & release and YPP screening shown as required for your volunteer role in the FIRST registration system complete. That will make your (and our) day go much smoother!
- Safety glasses are required in all Pit and Competition areas. We will have safety glasses for volunteers including ones that fit over your prescription glasses
- Closed toed shoes only in the pits and competition area.
- Cheer! Bring up the energy of our event and have a blast!
- Most important HAVE FUN and enjoy the accomplishments of the teams!

GO TEAMS!

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