



# NEW MEXICO *FIRST* TECH CHALLENGE



**NEW MEXICO** Welcome to the Albuquerque *FIRST* Tech Challenge Regional Championship!  
Hosted by Land of Enchantment Robotics at Menaul School

## Welcome to Albuquerque!

Thank you for volunteering February 7-8 at our NM *FTC* Regional Championship held here in Albuquerque, New Mexico! This year's game, **Into The Deep** presented by RTX 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.

## Schedule for the Friday, Feb 7, 2025 noon – 9:00 pm

We have access to the venue for setup after noon 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, judging 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 9:00 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, Feb 8, 2025

- 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
- 8:10 Drivers meeting on the field with the head Ref & Coaches meeting in the Outer Lobby with the Tournament Director. Schedules will be distributed.
- 8:30 am Judging sessions and practice matches begin
- 10:15 am Opening Ceremony then Qualification Matches begin immediately
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm Qualification matches resume
- 2:00 pm Alliance Selections
- 2:30 pm Elimination matches
- 5:00 pm Awards & Closing ceremony
- 5:30 pm Event ends (all teams please clear by 6:30 pm unless you are helping with teardown!)
- 7:00 pm Building closes

## Food

**Food and drinks will be provided for all volunteers!** There will be a volunteer lounge room off of the lobby of the gym for taking a break and consumption of snacks/drink. We will be providing Dominoes Pizza and Gluten Free Chicken Wings to volunteers present on Friday evening starting at 5 PM in the Volunteer lounge. For Saturday, we will provide Hot Breakfast and Lunch meals in the Cafeteria (Refectory) building to all volunteers starting at 7AM for breakfast and noon for lunch. We are planning to offer gluten free, nut free and vegetarian options.

## Check-in

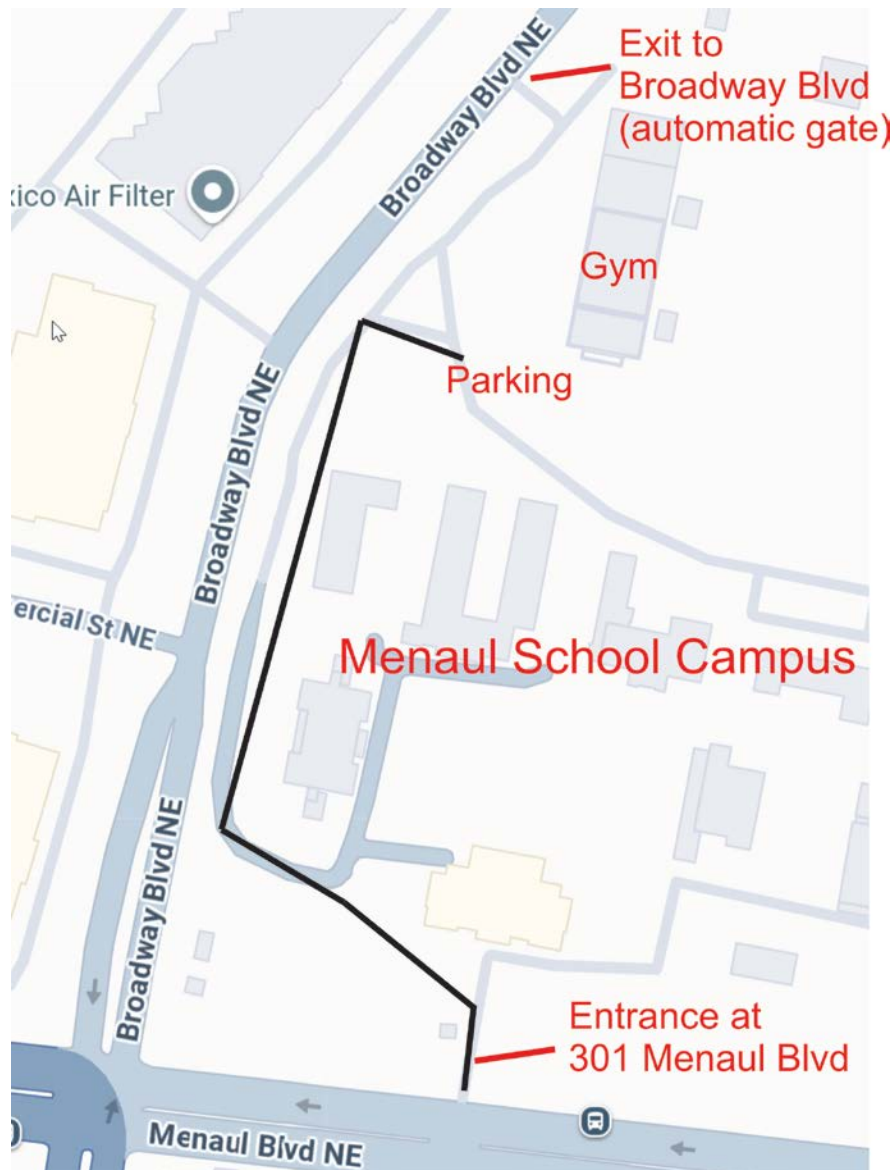
Volunteers please check in at the table in the gym lobby. We have orange vests or referee pennies to identify you as a volunteer. Safety glasses are required around the pits and competition field so we will have those if you need a pair.

**There is ample food & lodging throughout the area within a 5 mile radius of the school.**

## Directions & Parking

Menaul School is located at 301 Menaul Blvd. in Albuquerque, just west of I-25. Be aware that there is significant construction in progress on I-25 in that area, so be aware of changes & traffic! While new to NM *FTC*, many of you who have participated in NM *FLL* will already be familiar with it – our setup is basically the same. **Traffic flow on campus one way.** You enter through the main gate off of Menaul Blvd, drive around to the left (west) side of the buildings, the gym is in the back of the campus. Parking is on the West and south side of the gym. We plan to have signs directing you. The main entrance for check-in is the glass doors on the south side of the gym. Pit load in and out are the doors in the center west side of the gym. **Exit from the campus is via a gate you will see on the west side of the gym. It is an automatic gate so just pull up to it from the inside and it will open, letting you exit onto Broadway Blvd NE.**

I've attached a map showing how to get into to the Campus. It is easy to get to the school by turning directly into the campus directly off of Menaul Blvd. However, when you leave the school, please use the exit through the automatic gate onto Broadway Blvd NE.



### **Advancement to the New Mexico Championship**

The New Mexico Championship will advance two NM region teams to the FIRST Championship in Houston, TX on April 16-19, 2025. We also will advance two NM region teams to the new FTC Premier events being held around the world.

### **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!

**Thank You!**

**Jim Jackson,**

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