

PACK OF PARTS: PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO

FOR SEASON 2024-2025

This document is intended for parents or guardians of Pack of Parts members. It summarizes information from the longer Member Handbook.

COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is important to keep our club running efficiently:

- Members communicate with the team via Google Chat, GitHub, and email
- Communication with parents / guardians uses email. We ask all parents/guardians to provide an active email address.
- We ask parents / guardians to supply a phone number for emergency contact.

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

We have a few expectations for our members:

- All paperwork, permission slips and STIMS must be completed and turned in on time.
- Members must complete safety training before using tools in the shop.
- Members must consistently demonstrate Gracious Professionalism.
- Violations to the team Code of Conduct, Shop Rules, and/or
- Competition Expectations will result in 1) a warning, 2) mentor involvement, 3) limited privileges and shop rights, 4) expulsion from a leadership position, and 5) expulsion from the club.

MONEY MATTERS

The club has modest fees which help defray the cost of materials and tools:

- There are \$250 annual club dues which cover season registration, materials, t-shirt fees, and competition transportation.

- There may be additional travel expenses if the club qualifies for district or world competitions.
- If any of these fees make it difficult for your student to join Pack of Parts, please reach out to mentors@packofparts.org.

FOOD SUPPORT

Building robots makes you hungry! We encourage our parents / guardians to provide snacks and meals for our club members:

- The club will publish a sign-up sheet to allow parents / guardians to provide snacks for extended meetings.
- The club will publish sign-up sheets to allow parents / guardians to provide meals and other food items for competitions.

PARENT / GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

We strongly encourage you to get involved with our club! There are many ways you can participate:

- You can become a mentor with the club. Contact mentors@packofparts.org to get involved.
- You can volunteer to help at competitions through FIRST (see firstinspires.org/volunteer)
- We need cash! Building robots is expensive. We need a lot of tools and materials to keep us going. So if you feel up to it, you can make a charitable donation to the club on our website at <https://packofparts.org>. And don't forget to do employee matching if that's available to you.
- We often need transportation to take our members to and from competitions.
- We always welcome family members at competitions to support our club!