

2008 MATE-BIRR Team Info
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Aloha All Teams,

We all are looking forward to seeing the creative ROVs built and operated. Here is what is going on:

1. Temperature: We will be working with hot water from the showers...however, when that runs out, we will have cold water.
2. We will have a station that you will need to calibrate your ROV on prior to your turn at the underwater missions. Please do your calibrations early on - before the ROV competition starts if possible. We have 4 sets of props and one will be set for calibration. IFA is graciously letting us use their temperature equipment...however, due to sensitivity of data for the competition, students MUST communicate with the person in charge of the temperature collection. Students WILL NOT be allowed to be reading data directly off the temperature meter.
3. You must be ready for Safety Checks no later than 8:30...preferably earlier...We will have a particular area for you to go to with your ROV for a safety check.
4. The Hilo High Pool is available. The plan is 5PM to 8PM...I'm working on getting a lifeguard for the practice (certain plans fell through).

In order to peaceably interact, all teams will be expected to rotate and have equivalent time practicing on the props. This is regardless of whether you bring your own props or batteries - everyone is expected to share the resources.

We want to encourage gracious professionalism among our students - So mentors/advisors/teachers will demonstrate it for our students. Failure to be courteous - from mentors to students: you will be asked to leave the pool premises.

5. The Hilo Intermediate Wood Workshop will be available to teams needing to do any last minute repairs or modifications. We have a waiver day on Friday, April 25 - so teams are OK to come on campus at any time. You do need to sign in at the office.
6. All team members, mentors, advisors, and teachers: YOU MUST SIGN ONTO THE MATE ALUMNI SITE! THIS IS A REQUIREMENT. I WILL BE CHECKING FOR SIGN ON PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION. IF YOU HAVE NOT, I WILL HAVE A FORM FOR YOU TO FILL OUT - this is important data collection so that this program can be justified both Nationally and Locally. It is important for grant writing.

7. VIDEO AND PHOTO RELEASES need to be SIGNED! We need to be sure we have permission to take photos and videos of students involved in the competition. Clips will be used to put together a short video of the competition as we have done each year plus help publicize the event. Please use the standard DOE form. I will post on the website as well as email it later today (once I find it...if I find the MATE one, that will work as well).

8. RELEASE of CLAIM forms must be signed or you will NOT BE ALLOWED on POOL DECK!

9. TEAMS: PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND ME A LIST Asap OF YOUR TEAM STUDENTS, advisors and helpers so that NAME TAGS can be prepared!

10. All people allowed on deck will have a nametag. No nametag - No access to pool deck...No exceptions.

11. We will have video cameras on the props that will feed to a big screen TV in the stands so that spectators can see what is going on underwater. Our intent is also to video tape the events and then post it online.

12. REMINDER: ALL TEAM MEMBERS ON POOL DECK MUST WEAR:
- **CLOSED TOED SHOES**
- **SAFETY GLASSES**
- **REASONABLE CLOTHING**

SAFETY COMES FIRST! No options!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Good Luck Everyone!

Cheers!
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