



Kansas BEST Robotics February 2024 Newsletter

Hello everyone! So you have survived the cold snap and looking forward to Spring Break I'm sure! I know I am watching for signs of spring.

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- Contact Linda if you need assistance getting the kit back to us. linda@bestrobotics.com

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Number	School Name	Returnable Kit	Notes	Returned Date
#0352	Moundridge	17		2/10/2024
#0375	Osage City High School	7	Rec'd note on 11/1 would like to keep to 5/1/2024	
#0365	Quark Robotics - Rose Hill	10		2/10/2024
#0359	Republic County High School	4		
#0372	Rock Creek Jr./Sr. High School	20		2/24/2024
#0364	Smoky Valley HS	6		
#0388	Stafford	23		1/15/2024
#0378	Valley Center High School	21		1/15/2024
#0381	Washburn Rural High School	2		
#0351	Wichita Collegiate HS	19		
#0358	Wichita Homeschool	11	Will keep until 2/28/2024	2/24/2024

Please let me know if you have sent it but I don't have a date in the last column. Also, if I have highlighted your return date box, please let me know your plan.

We received notice that the national organization has selected a Raspberry Pi solution to replace the controller in our returnable kits. They referred to the PICO implementation. I have done very little research on this.

The plan is to have complete deployment for 2025. They don't want mixed configuration within a region and the Denver region that we are in has decided to wait until the 2025 competition to deploy.

My understanding at this point is that the joystick and the controller will be replaced. I do not have details yet. We have Prototype kickoff this weekend and I hope to learn more there. We were told our cost to make this equipment upgrade will be about \$70 for each kit, so it is very affordable.

The national organization plans to roll out training to the hubs this year, and we will get some test equipment setup so we can get up to speed and be ready to bring it to you in 2025.

Thanks for your time. If you want to be removed from distribution, let me know. If you know other teachers or potential coaches/mentors that would be interested, please feel free to forward this to them. All new teachers