

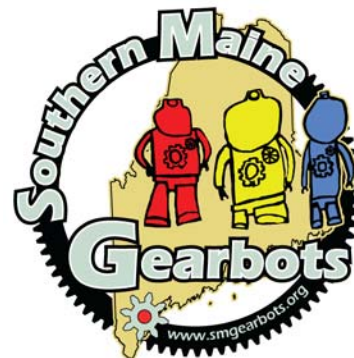
Southern Maine Gearbots 2015 District Meet

Saturday, April 4th, 2015

8am - 2:30pm, full schedule below

St. Joseph's College Alford Center

278 White's Bridge Road, Standish



District Meet Overview

This is our 4th year and we will again be hosting a local District Meet. The event was a success last year with an estimate of 350+ in attendance. This year we will have 31 teams with close to 170 kids. The Jr. League has been exploring the Junior FIRST LEGO League ThinkTank Redefining Learning topic, looking at places and tools of learning. The Sr. League is building robots to compete in their choice of eight different robotic track meet challenges. Winning teams have the chance to compete in the State Robotic track meet on May 2nd in South Portland!

Preliminary Schedule, April 4, 2015

Coach Arrival

Jr. League Coaches Arrival Time for Set-up.....	8:00-8:15
Sr. League Coaches Arrival Time for Set-up	8:15-8:30
Jr. League Team Arrival & Lineup	8:30-8:45
Sr. League Team Arrival	8:45-9:00
Announcements, Parade & Introductions.....	9:00-9:15
Jr. League Model and Show-Me Poster Review	9:15-11:30
Sr. League Robot Try-Outs.....	9:15-10:00
Exhibitor Reviews	9:15-1:00
Sr. League Track Meet Competitions	10:00-11:15
Jr. League Awards	11:15-11:45
Jr. League Kit Collection	11:45-12:45
Sr. League Track Meet Competitions (cont.)	11:45-1:00
Sr. League Awards.....	1:00-1:30
Sr. League Kit Collection.....	1:30-2:30
Event Breakdown.....	1:30-2:30+

What to Bring

Gracious Professionalism

Patience: the judges, organizers and exhibitors are volunteers working their best to keep the day on schedule, but sometimes we will find ourselves slightly off schedule so please keep this in mind when interacting with them. A positive attitude will help ensure a successful day for all participants!

Please Wear Your Team T-shirts!

Team T-shirts will be distributed to coaches the week of March 23. Please have your team wear their shirts the day of the meet!

What to Bring – Jr. League Teams

Jr. League teams should bring their completed *ThinkTank Model* and *Show Me Poster*. Teams should be prepared to present their models to a panel of judges. Information on presenting can be found in your [Coaches' Guide](#).

What to Bring – Sr. League Teams

Sr. League teams should bring their NXT or EV3 robots and be prepared to compete in up to three of the following track meet challenges: Slope Climber, Table Clearing Mission, Delivery Mission, Fastest Robot, Strongest Robot, Ping Pong Shot Put, Steeplechase, or Walker.

What to Bring – For Everyone

Everyone should think about bringing some money for raffle and concession items, including drinks, snacks, and lunch items. Raffles will include some great donated items from local businesses as well as LEGO MINTORMS Kits, so be prepared to buy some tickets and try your luck! All money raised from the event goes to support our organization.

What to Bring – Invite Your Friends and Family

The District Meet is a great event for everyone! Friends and family have a great time seeing teams show off their models and compete. Feel free to invite people along to join in the fun!

What We Provide

In addition to a well-stocked concession stand full of items donated by Gearbots parents, friends and sponsors, we provide most of what you need to get you through the day. For your teams and models we provide tables, space, electrical cords, and, for the Sr. League, the track meet challenge courses. You should be prepared to bring along anything else you think you may need for the day.

Exhibitors

This year we have some great exhibitors lined up for both viewing and hands-on building. Join us and welcome the following exhibitors to our District Meet!

Creep3rs, the Space Shuttle, and Other Amazing MINDSTORMS Robots
Andrew Milluzzi, LEGO MINDSTORMS Community Partner
Ph.D. Student, University of Florida, Computer Engineering

Portland Police Department Bomb Squad Robot
Evidence Technician Kevin McCarthy, Certified Crime Scene Investigator
Hazardous Devices Unit, Portland Police Department

Hands on science activities provided by:
Sarah Sparks, 4-H Science Professional
University of Maine Cooperative Extension

LEGO's for fun builds provided by:
Amy E. Dowler, Director of Operations
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland

After the Event

Gearbots Kit & Laptop Collection & Inventory Station

This year we will be collecting all of the Southern Maine Gearbots' kits at the District Meet. The Jr. League WeDo Kits and laptops will be collected immediately following the Jr. League awards ceremony, and the Sr. League NXT's, EV3's, expansion kits, and issued laptops will be collected at the conclusion of the Meet. Coaches will be responsible for breaking down models and organizing kits prior to drop-off. Coaches should remove any personal Lego components used in the models as Southern Maine Gearbots cannot be responsible for return of personal property left in team kits. Please kindly bring all materials provided to you by Southern Maine Gearbots (including any storage totes and league binders) to the District Meet and look for our Kit Collection & Inventory Station prior to leaving the Alford Center. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

Event Breakdown

Southern Maine Gearbots is 100% volunteer driven, from the Board through the coaches. Setting up our District Meet takes a lot of work, and so does breaking it down! If you have some time at the end of the day and don't mind sticking around we could use some help with the breakdown and clean up. Join us as we fold tables, move bleachers, pull up tape, and put away the electrical cords. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!