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PENNSYLVANIA *FIRST* TECH CHALLENGE (FTC) FINAL MEET TO TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

Pennsylvania *FIRST* will hold the Final Meet for Philadelphia and select Delaware County FTC teams at Central High School on Saturday, February 8, 2013. The Final Meet will be an all-day event and include inspections, traditional judging, and at least six matches per team. Quality Points and Ranking Points from all matches will be averaged to determine the overall Competition rankings. Teams will advance to the Pennsylvania FTC Championship Tournament in the following order:

- (1) Inspire Award Winner
- (2) Competition rankings, 1st place
- (3) Inspire Award 2nd place
- (4) Competition rankings, 2nd place

Teams must have competed in at least two meets of Meets 1-4 plus the Final Meet to be considered for advancement to the Pennsylvania FTC Championship Tournament.

The Agenda for the Final Meet follows:

- 7:00 Volunteers Arrive and Register
- 8:00 Teams Arrive and Register
Hardware and Software Inspection Begins
- 8:30 Judge Interviews Begin
- 10:15 Drivers Meeting On Competition Field
- 10:30 Opening Ceremonies
- 10:45 Matches Begin
- 12:30 Lunch Break (*lunch items will be available for purchase*)
- 1:00 Matches Resume
- 4:30 Awards and Closing Ceremonies
- 5:00 Event Complete

All *FIRST* events are free and open to the public.

The Central High School RoboLancers are a student-operated, adult-mentored robotics team that was founded in 1999 as *FIRST* Robotics Team 321. The program started with five students from the school and grew into an organization of more than 125 students and ten student mentors. Beginning in 2011, the RoboLancers participated exclusively in *FIRST*, continuing as FRC Team 321, and for the first time participating as FTC Team 5320. In 2012, a second FTC team, Team 6676, was started. They work with a \$20,000 per year budget and compete in two or three competitions per year. The RoboLancers host various STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) training and outreach programs all over Philadelphia and the team has become a shining example of what students in a struggling urban setting can do if given the opportunity. Additional information about the RoboLancers can be found at <https://www.robolancers.com>.

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