

Registration Open for Annual Blazer Bot Competition at CC

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The fourth annual Blazer Bot robotics competition will be held on Saturday, April 16, for local middle school students in the Michael Smith Gymnasium on the corner of Iron Street and Walnut Avenue in Centralia.

The event will go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is hosted through a partnership with the Centralia College Electronics, Robotics and Automation Program and Educational Service District 113.

Using Lego robotic kits, teams will follow strict criteria for each category of competition, including sumo bot, block stacking and light-activated drag races.

Last year, about 100 students participated. This year, the college expects those numbers to grow substantially, according to a press release.

Loaner kits are available on a first-come basis. Home schooled teams are encouraged to participate. Students in the college's ERA program will help assist teams that need help with their projects.

"We're very excited to have an event on campus that challenges local middle school students in the sciences," David Peterson, ERA instructor, said in the release.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, or to register a team, contact Peterson at dpeterson@centralia.edu or visit www.centralia.instructure.com/courses/940814.