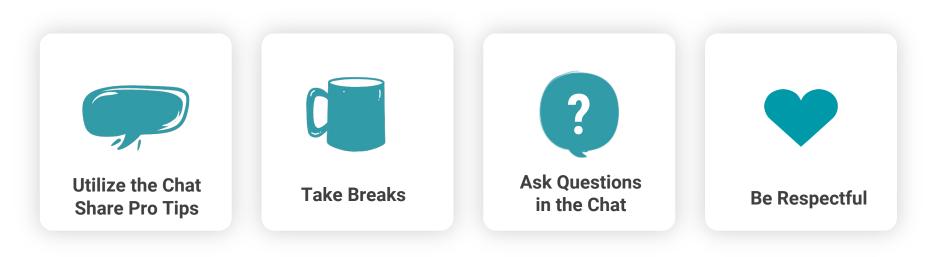
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Becoming an Event Partner Meredith Hale/Ruben Lopez

### BEFORE WE BEGIN

### **BEST PRACTICES**

This is for YOU - the Coaches. Please ask questions when you have them.







**Meredith Hale** Team Engagement Manager Nevada & Southern California

Has more than 20 years of experience working with teachers, programming, & curriculum through museum education, libraries, & schools

Really loves to help people - ask me anytime!

Is a lifelong maker, artist, tinkerer, and dog person

Likes coding, but LOVES building

Volunteer Preference: Emcee!

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**Ruben Lopez** Event Engagement Manager Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming

Resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado

Involved in VEX Programs since 2010

VEX alumni, Coach, Volunteer

Specialist in VRC Programs, Tournament Manager, RobotEvents

Avid off-roader and hiker







### Transitioning from Coach to Event Partner

In order to sustain and grow the program, the REC Foundation is always interested in developing relationships with new Event Partners (EPs). Becoming an Event Partner is a great opportunity for individuals who share our passion for robotics and seek to establish a revenue stream to sustain and grow their own robotics program.





**Richard Craig** 



Randy Decker



Getting to know the Team





**Ruben Lopez** 

**Ben Mitchell** 



**Bobbi Mitchell** 



**Kirk Norrid** 



Ulrika Peroni



**Chris Stewart** 



**Heather Harris** 

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We have a nationwide support team to assist and train you on how to run an Event.



### **EP Exclusive Discounts**

Discounts on Game Elements, Competition/Portable fields.

### **Free Trophy Pack**

Free trophy pack for your first event of the season.

### **EP Exclusive Grants**

Grants for Fields and Game Elements (Region Specific).



### **Additional Revenue Streams**

Raise money for your program through Event Fees, Concessions, and Apparel Sales

### **Community Outreach**

Getting people to volunteer at an event is a great way to recruit kids and other educators in the world of STEM.

### Admin Buy-In

Show your Admin the amazing results achieved by sparking an interest in STEM through robotics.



**Venue** Access to a venue that has the space and seating to host an event of your size.

**Volunteers** Access to a source of student and adult volunteers.





**Equipment** Access to A/V equipment, Competition fields and Game Elements

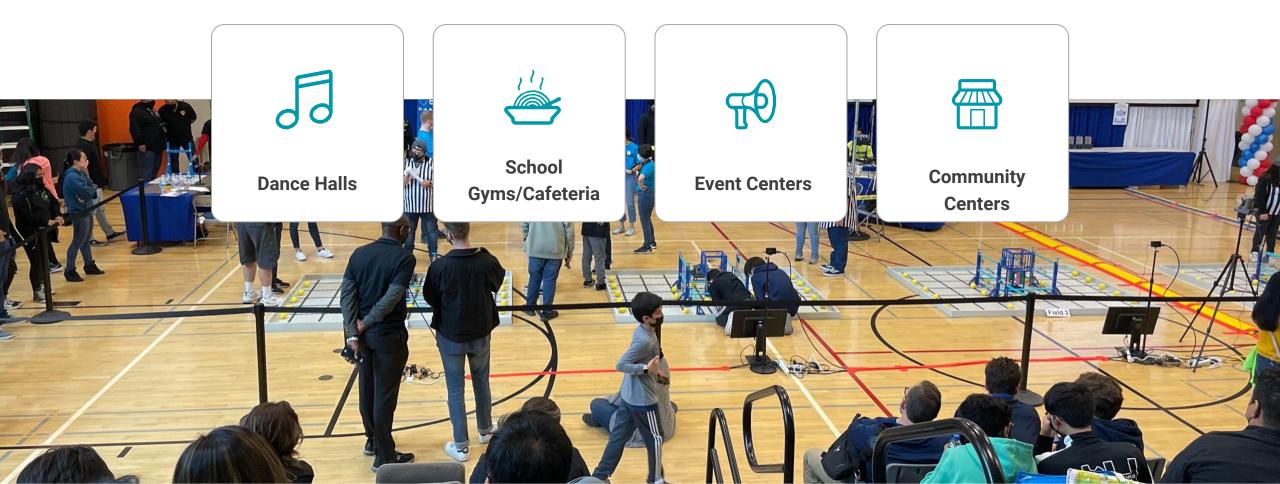
### Knowing Where To Start

The REC Foundation provides a large library of resources on how to host an event, but first you should think about the three biggest hurdles to overcome to become an Event Partner and host a successful event.



### Do I have a big enough venue?

Whether you have a dedicated robotics competition arena or a small elementary school gymnasium, we have multiple types of events to fit your venue space. Events can be anywhere from 16 teams to 60+ teams and you can work with your EEM to find the best event for you.



### Volunteers

### THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

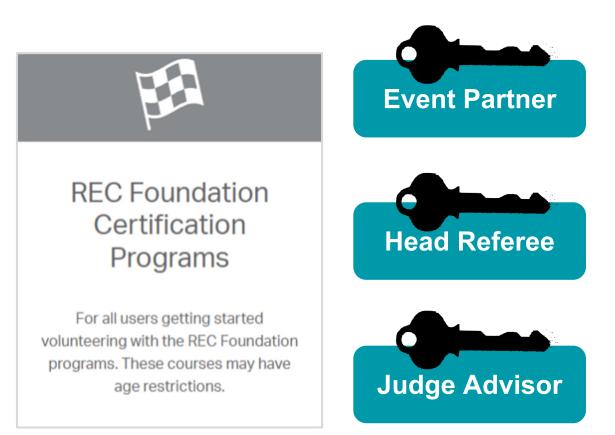




With a large variety of roles, volunteers of all ages and levels of experience can be recruited and trained to assist you with running your event. Some roles do require prior certifications and training, so building a strong central team of dedicated volunteers is needed to run a successful event.



### Volunteers at your Event



### **Great places to look for volunteers:**

- Community groups
- Local schools
- Other teams
- Colleges and corporate sponsors

### **No Prior Experience Needed:**

- Scorekeepers
- Tournament Manager Operators
- Queuers
- Judges
- Emcees
- Inspectors
- Field Resetters
- Volunteer Coordinator



# But I don't have all of that equipment!

THAT'S OK!

Besides competition fields and game elements, most of the items needed to host an event are readily available at most schools.

If your school does not have what you need, many of our Event Partners have local support networks for sharing competition equipment. You can also:

Borrow equipment from other EPs or Rent an Event trailer (Location Specific)
Trade Event Registrations to borrow equipment from other Teams
Apply for Grants to purchase equipment

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### Equipment at Your Event

**HAVE** 

Equipment that is commonly found at schools

## OBTAIN

Start by borrowing or sharing, and purchase eventually **BUY** Purchases that may need to be made

Windows/Mac Computers USB drive LaserJet Printer Screen and Projector PA system Tables and Chairs Power strips/extension cords General Office Supplies

Additional Competition Fields and Game Elements Additional VEXnet Field Controller Banners & Signage Additional Inspection sizing tools Additional Trophies (if awarding) Competition Field and Game Elements Inspection Sizing Tool



# Is there any training to be an Event Partner?



**EP Certification Program** We offer a self-paced, online course that provides a foundational knowledge on how to host events.



**Trainings with EEM** Your EEM will check up on the progress of your event planning and give you the tools to keep you on track.



#### Library of Resources

We have a vast array of resources to support you learning everything you need to know to run an event.



### Volunteering

Volunteer at a local event or shadow an experienced EP to get a feel for what your role is on Event Day



#### **Event Partner**

A certification course for the person who is in charge of an event, & point of contact for the REC Foundation.

#### **Head Referee**

A certification course for the person who oversees referees at an event, helps to train referees & scorekeepers.

#### Judge Advisor

A certification course for the person who oversees judging at an event, trains volunteer judges and facilitates deliberations.



### **VEX V5 Educator**

This certification course will guide you through all you need to know to be comfortable teaching V5 robotics to students.

#### VIQC Educator

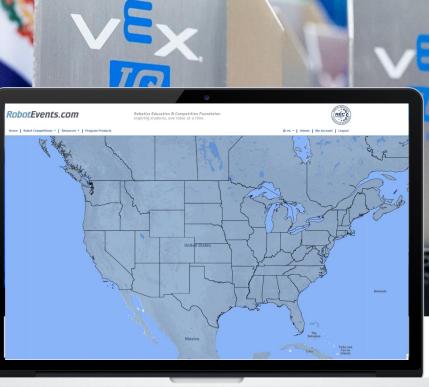
This certification course will guide you through all you need to know to be comfortable teaching IQ robotics to students.

#### Drive Team

This certification is aimed at students on the Drive Team, to help them become experts & improve the performance of the team overall.









### How to sign up:

Find your EEM <a href="https://www.robotevents.com/support">https://www.robotevents.com/support</a>

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# COMING UP NEXT

## Day One Wrap-Up and Networking

**Q & A with RECF Staff Panelists** 

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