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Volunteer run, community organization promoting drone-focused STEM programs, sparking interest in the drone education & employment pipeline.

PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR FARM-i-GEDDON!!! Official Registration Opens Sept. 28

This year's **DroneFest** at SUNY Poly is **CANCELLED** - ☹ - **BUT** - we're still kicking-off the **FARM-i-GEDDON** season with an online meeting!

FREE PRE-REGISTRATION is already available for teams that wish to get an early start on the 2020 FARM-i-GEDDON Team Drone Challenge. Pre-registration allows us to pre-qualify teams, assist new coaches & give access to our new format - PART I of our new 2 PART Challenge Manual. **We're holding an online informational kick-off for interested team coaches and students at 7:00pm on September 28th.**

This year's competition format features up to **12 teams** from Middle/High School + **NEW FOR 2020** - up to 12 university level teams! We're expanding our reach by giving students opportunities to interact with peers already in higher education STEM programs!

Registration opens at 5:00pm on September 28th on our website. School POs or checks via PayPal will be accepted. For either level, Registration is only **\$100 per team** through November 30, 2019 or when each division fills. If needed, Late Registration is \$175 from December 1, 2019 to January 29, 2019 or when each division fills. Registered teams receive access to Team Resources Files in addition to PART II of the Challenge Manual. Teams can practice without heavy investment, typically way **under \$1,000**, including registration & equipment. There is no need to purchase the field or elements --- the entire program was created with cost in mind. Measurements and weights of items are provided to registered teams. **Monthly Tech Meet** dates are set & can be attended by full or partial teams, coaches, parents & those new to drone tech looking to get started. Meets include indoor drone races for those with Tiny Whoop class drones. (schedule on next page)



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CNY Drones @RoboSpartans Robotics operates as a STEM group, graciously hosted under the 501(c)3 of the Griffiss Institute in cooperation with great community resources. We gladly accept monetary & non-monetary donations as well as new volunteers.

REGIONAL TECH MEETS w/ TINY WHOOP RACES

@ SUNY POLY, Sundays - late afternoons/early evenings – times to be announced
location alternatives possible at registered team sites – contact us!

October 27 / November 17 / December 29 / January 26 / February 23

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BONUS March 15 - this event will be an online discussion in preparation for April 5th

FARM PROGRESS SHOW DEMOS SEPT 14, 11am-1pm

Join us as we promote the FARM-i-GEDDON Team Drone Challenge and drone tech goodwill at the FARM PROGRESS SHOW, Len Lo Farms, 640 Robinson Road, off Route 28, Mohawk, NY 13407.

CNY DRONES LANDS AT MUNICIPALITIES CED PROGRAM OCT 2

We're looking forward to sharing our connections & experiences with recreational drone flying with local municipality boards as a part of their regional continuing education program. The closed program is provided by the Town of Schuyler, NY. We hope to spread some good will while enlightening Town representatives about the differences between recreational & commercial drone ownership along with where to go for updates from the FAA.

NYS FAIR STEAM EXHIBIT REVIEW

What an interesting NYS Fair STEAM Exhibit experience! We made some great new connections with interested drone enthusiasts and educators! Thank you to everyone who met with us in the Science & Industry Building to try a flight simulator, discuss drone tech, ride along with recreational pilots! If you are new to our mailing list – welcome! Feel free to send us questions! We do our best to answer your concerns and point you in the right direction!

PROMOTE YOUR COMPANY'S SUPPORT OF STEM! NEW AD OPPORTUNITY AT OUR EVENTS



We're accepting additional sponsors for the 2020 FARM-i-GEDDON Team Drone Challenge to help us firmly plant our new 2-division Northeast Competition Day at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. This competition is run entirely by volunteers, hosted by the great student clubs under the SUNY Poly College of Engineering. Regional STEM-focused sponsors help make this the premier STEM competition in the region that links students to the drone technology education and employment pipeline. Ask us about our student success stories!

SUMMER DEMOS FLY THROUGH AREA LIBRARIES

CNY Drones recreational pilots made the rounds this summer, sharing drone tech at area libraries and summer rec department programs. For a donation, programs received an hour+ packed with information and demonstration! Our road show kept the public informed, answered questions and gave opportunities for the curious public to ride along-side our drone pilots using First Person View goggles. We've wrapped up for our summer weekday events, but we're happy to arrange weekend events for the rest of the year for your library or community group. All indoors, unless weather and location allow for other arrangements. Drop us an email or just give us a call!



HELP US - HELP YOU!

Monetary & equipment donations, sponsor & grant leads, planning assistance & event volunteers are always welcomed! We are run by the community, for the community. We invite your ideas!

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