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DRIPPING SPRINGS TO HOST ROBOTICS COMPETITION AND GIRLS IN STEM EVENT

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—On Saturday, Nov. 1, Dripping Springs ISD will host the Capitol BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) robotics competition and a “Girls in STEM” program.

The BEST competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Dripping Springs High School competition gym. It will feature 18 high school and middle school teams from Hays, Travis, Williamson and Milam counties, including teams from Dripping Springs Middle School and Dripping Springs High School. Each year competitive robotics teams build a robot in six weeks to compete in local hub and regional competitions in Texas. The competitions – exciting games of skill and strategy “played” by radio-controlled and/or autonomous robots – promote student interest in science and technology.

Top finishers from this contest will advance to the regional BEST competition, to be held in at the University of Texas at Dallas on Nov. 14-15, 2014. Additional information is available at: www.capitol-best.org.

Being held in conjunction with the competition this year is a “Girls in STEM” program, offering middle- and high-school girls an opportunity to learn about engineering, science and technology. It will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dripping Springs High School. Engineering students from the University of Texas will participate and serve on a panel session that also will include industry experts and BEST competitors. A hands-on STEM exploration area will allow students to drive or program a robot, and explore wind energy, engineering and other STEM areas. A free luncheon with guest speakers will be held. Those interested in attending the Girls in STEM program are encouraged to register at: <http://2014girlsinstem.eventbrite.com>.

If media would like to visit practice of DSMS or DSHS robotics teams in order to obtain video, please contact Director of Communications Dale Whitaker at (512) 858-3082.

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