



CITRUS CIRCUITS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Parent Info Night
5:30-6:30 p.m., September 15

Girl Powered Event
1-3 p.m., September 18

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PARENT INFO NIGHT

Citrus Circuits held its Parent Info Night on Wednesday, September 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. We sent out emails with the meeting information. Both veteran and new parents attended, and we went over our plans for this upcoming year. Additionally, we gave an overview of the team, its history, a tour of our shop, and presentations on our individual subteams.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



For the 2021-2022 Season, Citrus Circuits held a new member orientation with new students learning about all of the subteams before settling on a choice. By introducing new students to the team in this manner, we were able to give incoming members a better general sense of each subteam's work, as well as how subteams work with each other both during and outside of the competition season. During their visits to the subteams, new members were given presentations on the work in the subteam, as well as hands-on activities, such as taking photos with Business and Media or virtual scouting with the Software Scouting subteam. At the end of orientation, we held a Green Lime Ceremony where new students were given their first team shirt and subteam assignments.

2021-2022 SEASON BEGINS

On August 26 we held our first full team in-person meeting in over a year. Most of our subteams held their meetings outside and began their training for new members. For the 2021-2022 Offseason, all members will be expected to attend Saturday morning (9 a.m. to 12 noon) meetings alongside our normal Wednesday and Thursday meetings to provide additional safety and technical training that many students didn't get during the past year. Additionally, there will be optional Saturday afternoon meetings from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., which can be used to make up missed meetings or to give both veteran and new members an opportunity to expand their technical knowledge.

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS

For in-person meetings, Citrus Circuits will be following all DJUSD COVID protocols. Students will be required to wear a mask both inside and outside of M1 and M2, and maintain social distancing. The team will be promoting personal hygiene and frequent handwashing, and has also installed new air filters for the building. Both M1 and M2 have several air purifiers to maintain circulation during meetings, and students are asked to work outside unless necessary for working with the robot or machines.

2021-2022 ROBOCAMPS WRAP-UP

During this past summer, Citrus Circuits held its sixth summer RoboCamps. RoboCamps is a series of week-long robotics summer camps for elementary to junior high school students, supervised by both Citrus Circuits students and mentors. This year, we held our RoboCamps on Zoom, with campers switching VEX IQ kits off biweekly to maintain sanitation and social distancing standards. Campers were given both offline and online sessions to work on their robots, and this combination of offline and online work time allowed for both counselors and campers to feel like they had learned something new.