

# **2008-2009 Team RUSH Student Application**

Due Tuesday, October 21, 2008 by 2:00 p.m.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read each section. Be sure to complete all of the requirements per section (incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered).

## **DATES TO SCHEDULE:**

- All applications are **due Tuesday, October 21, 2008, by 2:00 p.m.**
- The 2009 Team RUSH applicants will have **interview date will given to you when you return your application.**

## **PROFILE OF A TEAM MEMBER:** (Please Read)

### **Profile of a Team RUSH student:**

- 1. Team player** (this is about being on a team)!
- 2. Highly self-motivated** (there are “down times” that’s when you need to be “up”).
- 3. Hard-working** (without *ever* being asked).
- 4. Willing to learn and be open to new ideas** (and be able to handle constructive criticism).
- 5. Willing to sacrifice other activities for Team RUSH** (Saturdays, sports, social events, dates! and possibly jobs).
- 6. Willing to commit an extensive amount of time to the program—including:**
  - At least 15 hours of community outreach,
  - Donate 3 hours to a mentor,
  - Team-building activities,
  - Meetings as scheduled,
  - Fundraisers (returnable can drives, car washes, provide for RUSH Cafe, Football Field Clean-up, Parent’s Night Out, etc)
  - FIRST Lego League mentorship,
  - Demonstrations and presentations (including parades)
  - Any organized Team RUSH activity
  - emergency meetings when needed.
- 7. Commitment to punctuality and good attendance** (absences and tardiness may result in no travel and possible dismissal from the team).
- 8. Academic responsibility** (students are expected to keep *all* their grades above 70% - grades below 70% will result in no build, no travel, and academic ineligibility),
- 9. Willing to exhibit spirit for the team** (may include a little face paint or tatoos but most definately cheering for your teammates and our successes).
- 10. Exhibits *Gracious Professionalism*.**

# Team RUSH Student/Parent Information

- Selection of team will be done in the following format:**
  - Student must *complete* official application with required information.
  - Application must be turned in by the interview date. If you do not have the completed application by October 21, 2008 you **MAY NOT** be considered.
  - Team mentors and teachers will review and evaluate the applications.
  - Consideration for selection will be based on student essay, parent questionnaire, student evaluation (interview), interest in math and science, special skills, attitude, behavior, ability to work with others and attendance patterns (not necessarily in this order).
- After school activities and Saturday events will be required for all team members.**
- Attendance will be taken. Excessive absences may result in dismissal from the team or no travel.**
- Attendance with FIRST Lego League State Tournament and all registered RUSH Competitions are mandatory.**
- Students may be removed from the team by a vote of the mentors for lack of participation or behavior that is not appropriate.**
- During competition students will follow rules of conduct or behavior and all procedures as required by the Student Code of Conduct. Violation will result in discipline measures as decided by the mentors/teachers. If at a distant site, the student may be sent home at the expense of the parents.**
- All students will follow the directives of the mentors/teachers at all times. Questions regarding these directives are to be done in private conversation with mentors/teachers.**
- Any team member receiving a referral or suspension from school (OSMTech or home school) may be subject to a review for possible dismissal from the team.**
- New team members will be on a probationary period through the first tournament. This is a trial period for the student and the team.**
- Students must maintain “passing” grades in order to travel and/or participate with the team (passing meaning no Incompletes or failures at OSMTech Academy/CHS and nothing below a C with their home school).**
- All Student team members are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$500 which will assist in paying for the team’s 2008-9 FIRST competition fees. \$250 is due on November 24, 2008. The remaining is due January 1, 2009. See Mrs. Hughes for payment arrangements or assistance if hardships or extreme conditions exist.**
- Transportation for after school activities MUST be provided by a parent. The staff CANNOT provide transportation per Clarkston High School guidelines. Regional and National event transportation will be arranged by the team. Students are encouraged to arrange car pools as much as possible.**
- OSMTech students participating on Team RUSH will receive their Super Saturday credit, provided they complete the necessary requirements and details for this credit with Mrs. Hughes.**

# **Team RUSH Student Application Checklist**

**Due October 21, 2008, by 2:00 p.m.**

## **What is to be turned in by October 21, 2008 :**

### ➤ Applicant Section

- Resume attached* – include your FIRST or FLL Experiences
- Written Component (including):*
  - *Which portion of the team you are interested in*
  - *What skills you will bring to the team*
  - *How your involvement will benefit the team*
  - *Why you want to be involved*
  - *How your involvement will benefit you*
- Signed and date Applicant Section.*

### ➤ Parent Section

- Completed
- Signed and dated

## **What Applicant keeps:**

- Team RUSH Student Application
  - Profile (page 1)
- Team RUSH Student/ParentInformation form (page 2)

## **Questions?**

- Contact Mrs. Hughes via e-mail at [Hugheskh1@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:Hugheskh1@clarkston.k12.mi.us)

## **Interviews:**

- We will inform you of your date and time-slot when you turn in the application.**

*If there is no way that you can attend the interview, please put it in writing (with your availability) and attach to your application.*

**Applicant Section:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Home School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out *all* of the following sections (check off as you complete).

**Attach a one page resume** (it may be small but it is required). ☺

**Attach a TYPED** 100-200 essay stating:

Which portion of the team you are interested in

What skills you will bring to the team

How your involvement will benefit the team

Why you want to be involved

How your involvement will benefit you

**Read and sign the following:**

**If selected for Team RUSH, I am primarily interested in:**

Robot build (check here if you want robot build but have not specified where)

Mechanical

Electrical/pneumatic/special electronics

Programming/data

Inventor/design

Special projects

Business (check here if you want to be in business but have not specified where)

Awards (Chairman's and other)

Website maintenance/development

Photo/video/documentation

General team business

**If selected for Team RUSH, I understand that I will:**

Support community awareness and outreach (including LEGO Camps, tutoring help and all team organized outreach) with at least 15 hours of personal community service,

Support the mentors by donating ½ day of work at their homes,

Maintain my grades with all 70% or higher, and will get help if my grades could put me and/or my team in jeopardy.

Continue to support RUSH Cafe, by bringing in pop/snacks when it is my turn,

Work to model the "Profile" of the Team RUSH student,

Attend all meetings/activities (schedule to be announced)

Take care of my own transportation to and from school (or meeting place),

Submit \$500 to cover my registration fee (first \$250 due Nov. 24, 2008; second \$250 due Jan. 1, 2009).

support the project through innovative, open minded and creative thinking.

**I have read the "Team RUSH Student/Parent Information sheet" and am willing to commit to this program:**

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder: Applications are due October 21, 2008, by 2:00 pm to Mrs. Hughes.**

**Parent Section:**

**Of the seven characteristics below, please check the three strongest characteristics of your son/daughter (indicate in order 1 being strongest):**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| _____ Team player       | _____ Willing to sacrifice | _____ Willing to commit to the  |
| _____ Self-motivated    | _____ Punctual             | amount of time needed for a big |
| _____ Hard-working      | _____ Responsible          | project                         |
| _____ Open to new ideas |                            |                                 |

**Indicate why your son/daughter should be considered for this team. Please include how they may benefit from being on the team this year, and what you think they may bring to the team.**

**Involvement you *could* bring to the team:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Organize fundraising events,                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/meals coordinator (for the build season)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football stadium clean-up organizer/helper,     | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/meals coordinator (for the tournaments),            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents Night Out organizer/helper,             | <input type="checkbox"/> Videotaping and Documenting assistant to Mrs. Hughes     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Fundraising organizer/helper,              | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations coordinator,                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat organizer/helper,                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel coordinator (including carpool organizer),        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teambuilding/professional development assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Website assistance                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design work on the computer (Inventor)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Business assistance                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part fabrication or machining                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms coordinator                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical engineering assistance               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other involvement? Please indicate any other way you may |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical engineering assistance               | be able to support the team.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welding assistance                              |   |

**Read and sign the following:**

- I have read the "Team RUSH Student/Parent information sheet."

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

- If my son/daughter is selected for Team RUSH, I understand that I will have the following responsibilities:

- Transportation to and from school (or meeting place) for my son/daughter,
- Pay a \$500 non-refundable registration fee for my son/daughter on the required dates (Nov 24/Jan 1),
- Support additional team fundraising as needed (including periodic supplying RUSH Cafe, providing assistance in Football Stadium Clean-up and Parent's Night Out),
- At most, provide two full-team meals (or equivalent) for the team during the season
- Support the project as best we can.

- I am willing to support my son/daughter and commit to this program:

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

Please have a teacher fill out the following form and return this with your application.

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of teacher recommending: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Of the seven characteristics below, indicate the top three characteristics of this student
- |  |                            |                    |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ Team player  | _____ Self-motivated       | _____ Hard working |
| _____ Open to new ideas  | _____ Willing to sacrifice | _____ Punctual     |
| _____ Responsible  |                            |                    |
| _____ Willing to commit to the amount of time needed for a big project |                            |                    |

**PARTICIPATION:**

I. How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

II. Have they participated in any activity/club that you sponsored in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

A. If yes, please list activity/club and amount of time you spent with the student.

ACTIVITY:

TIME SPENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. Do you know this student to be an asset to a club/team? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which club/team? If no, why?

IV. What strengths do you feel this student could bring to a club/team?

V. What weaknesses do you feel this student needs to work on when participating in a club/team?

VI. On a scale of 1– 5, (1 being high), how would you rate the student’s level of participation in most activities/clubs/events? \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL**

I. Have you had this student on any *OUT-OF-STATE* or *OVERNIGHT* trips? \_\_\_\_\_

II. If yes, please list location and duration of trip.  
DURATION:

LOCATION:

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III. Have you had any problems with this student on *any* field trip? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

IV. On what grounds do you recommend this student for the OSMTech F.I.R.S.T. team?

V. Overall, is there anything that you would like to include on behalf of the student prior to the selection?

Signature of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_