

Delano School District

Extended field trip request form

1. Name of sponsoring person:

Ross Anderson (Robotics Team Coach)
Mike Phillips (Robotics Team Coach)
Josh Bragg (Robotics Team Coach)

2. Name of school activity or class:

Orange Crush Robotics Team 3026, Delano Public School, I.S.D. #879.

3. Brief description of the proposed trip:

Orange Crush Robotics (OCR), Team 3026, requests to participate in FRC World Championships April 29-May 2, 2026 in Houston, TX.

4. Educational objectives of the proposed trip:

- The FRC world event is a gathering of regional champions from around the world.
- Students will compete at a national and international level
- Students demonstrate their ability to engineer, design, build, and drive a robot at the competition.
- The students demonstrate their ability to cooperate with other teams to form effective alliances at the competitions.
- Students learn real-life problem-solving skills at the competitions as their robot succeeds and/or fails in competitive situations.

5. How will the money be raised to finance the trip? Include proposed fundraising projects and the amount to be raised.

The team has the funds for this trip from local sponsors, which include the Delano Lions Club, the Loretto Lions Club, Trelleborg, Berg Exteriors, American Legion, Dave's Town Club, Industrial Louvers & CorTrust Bank.

6. Itemize the full cost to students:

- Fundraising has covered the \$5000 entry fee for the event.
- Student families will need to cover the cost of transportation, lodging & meals.
 - The estimated hotel cost for Wednesday through Saturday is \$116 per night. (\$160.00 x 3 = \$480.00)
 - The estimated meal cost for Thursday through Saturday is \$100 per student.

7. List travel and lodging arrangements:

The proposed lodging will be at Hampton Inn Houston Downtown
The address is 710 Crawford St., Houston, TX 77002

The robot, tools & team members will travel in personal vehicles. Parents/guardians will be responsible for transporting their students.

8. List itinerary (include dates):

- April 29, 2024: Limited portion of the team & coaches will haul the robot & materials for a Wednesday arrival & early competition check-in on Thursday.
- April 30: Coaches & students check in at George R. Brown Convention Center. The remaining students & parents arrive.
- May 1: Qualifying matches at George R. Brown Convention Center.
- May 2: Qualifying matches at George R. Brown Convention Center, final matches & travel home in the evening.

9. List chaperones and any special security provisions:

Ross Anderson (763) 242-1439
Mike Phillips (612) 669-9746
Josh Bragg (763) 242-2879

10. Project the number of students who will not be able to go on the trip due to time and/or cost:

Unknown, but travel expenses may be a factor.

11. Have alternative opportunities in the metro and surrounding area been explored?

World Championship is only held in Houston, TX, in 2025.

12. Do the dates of the proposed trip conflict with any school time or community activities?

Yes. Travel on Tuesday may interfere with school depending on distance and mode of transportation. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are school days.

13. What arrangements will be made with parents in case of emergency-health, family, discipline, etc.?

All students will have a parent or guardian traveling with the team. We will have emergency contact information for all students & parents traveling with the team.

Recommendation

Date

Signature

(Community Ed. Director)

(Superintendent)

11/24/25

(School Board Chair)