

## Welcome

We are excited that you'll be visiting our city of Toronto and we want you to get the most out of your time here. The fourth largest city in North America, the Greater Toronto Area is now home to almost four million people. The tournament will be held on the grounds of the University of Toronto, which is situated in downtown Toronto. The surrounding neighbourhoods include the unique Annex to the west, full of shops and food; old Chinatown to the south, and Yorkville to the east, home of the glamorous international film festival.

## Entry to Canada

Canada requires visas for visitors from many countries, while others do not require them. You should check if a visa is required from your country by visiting the Canadian Government website at <http://travel.gc.ca/returning/travelling-to-canada>

If a visa is required from your country, you must contact your local Canadian consulate or embassy to arrange for this document. You may also require an exit visa from your country. If you need a letter with your invitation to the tournament, please contact us at [david.ellis@firstroboticscanada.org](mailto:david.ellis@firstroboticscanada.org)

## Get the Event/Hotels from the Airport

Many teams will be coming from around North America and the world via airplane. Toronto's primary airport is Lester B. Pearson (YYZ) and is serviced by public transport, commercial shuttle buses, and taxi cabs:

- Private Bus Service (Airport Express ~\$28):
  - Terminal 1 Arrivals Level, Door C
  - Terminal 3 Arrivals Level: Door D
- Taxi/Limo Service (\$60-75):
  - Terminal 1 Arrivals Level , Door A/F
  - Terminal 3, Door F
- Public Transport (TTC Route 192 Bus ~\$3):
  - Terminal 1 Ground Level: Door R
  - Terminal 3 Arrivals Level: Door B
  - Buses leave every 8-15 minutes.
  - Take the 192 Bus to Kipling Station
  - Take the Line 2 Bloor-Danforth Subway to
    - St. George Station (Varsity Arena event site)
    - St. George Station (Holiday Inn on Bloor)
  - For these hotels, switch to Line 1 Yonge/University Subway Southbound at Bloor/Yonge Station, take to:
    - College Station (Eaton Chelsea)
    - College Station (Courtyard Marriott)
    - Union Station (InterContinental Yorkville)

## Parking for Teams Driving

Parking at the event is limited to street parking which is extremely scarce. We strongly encourage teams to park at their hotels and walk or take the subway to the event at St. George Station.

## Weather

June weather in Toronto is sunny, so dress for summer weather. The average temperature is 23 degrees Celsius. You will want to bring a sweater for indoors and late evening when it gets cooler.

## What You Should Bring

Other than your luggage, clothes and other usual travel items, remember to bring:

- Power adapter for your laptop and Mindstorms
- Security chain for your laptop
- Your camera to take pictures
- Flags, buttons, pins and momentos to trade
- Decorations and displays for your team pit

## Safety

Toronto is one of the most safe cities in the world, but remember you are in the heart of a large city, so common sense is needed. Keep an eye on your belongings, walk with your group and be aware of your surroundings!

## Money

Canadian Dollars (CAD) can be purchased at your bank at home or at the airport. Many hotels, restaurants and shops will also accept American Dollars (USD), usually at a small exchange penalty. Most stores take major credit cards like Visa, Mastercard and American Express, except for street vendors who normally require cash only.

## Electrical Power

Canada uses 110V 60Hz AC electrical power. Most personal electronics and computer power supplies should work automatically use this voltage but you will need a plug adapter to fit your cable to the wall.



Our plugs look like this, and is the same as the American one, so you'll want to find an adapter from your local electronics store or at the airport which makes your cable look like ours.

## Mobile Telephones

If you want to bring your mobile phone to Canada, make sure it supports the GSM 850/1900 and UMTS/3GSM 850/1900 frequencies. If you use your own SIM card from your home operator, you can roam onto the Canadian operators Rogers, Bell and Telus. You can also purchase a SIM card when you get here, they are available at many retail stores and will work if your phone is unlocked and capable of accepting a different operator's SIM.

## Long Distance Calls

Country Code: +1

*From abroad*

To call a Canadian phone number like (416) 555-1212, you should dial +1, then the number, 4165551212.

*To abroad*

To call an international phone number, dial +, then the country code for your home, then the number with area code.

## Time

Time Zone: GMT -5

When it's noon (12:00PM) in London, United Kingdom, it's 7:00AM in Toronto. When you call home, you might want to remember your family might be still asleep!

## Internet Access

Internet Wi-Fi access will be available in the Pits for team use. The password and network name for access will be made available at Pit Admin. Most hotels have Internet access as well.

## Items Available at Pit Admin

International power adapters, Mindstorms USB cables and HDMI/DVI video adapters, extra Lego pieces are available on a first come, first served basis for teams to borrow.

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