

Robotics Badges: *Showcasing Robots 1*

Robotics Competitions and Events

You can see and participate in robotics events around the country. Here are some places to check out:

- **Middle, high school, and college robotics competitions** – In robotics competitions, teams build robots according to official regulations and face off against robots from other teams as they complete a series of tasks while preventing their opponents from finishing first. Other kinds of science competitions accept robotics projects as well. Many are held by nationwide organizations at the local, regional, and national level for a variety of ages. For example, you might have heard of FIRST or VEX robotics competitions.
- **Maker Faires, maker expos, and state and county fairs** – Maker Faires and other kinds of maker expos are exhibitions are free to exhibitors and often feature robotics areas. They are often hosted at schools, libraries, and museums. Although they are non-competitive, some award ribbons to exhibitors in different categories. State and county fairs sometimes feature robotics among other maker, engineering, and handicraft exhibits as well.
- **Science Festivals** – Science festivals are locally-produced events that may include engineering and robotics. There are also major, national events like the USA Science Festival in Washington, DC and the World Science Festival in New York City.

