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Aloha: please share with your staff...it is a unique opportunity to closely interact with students from Hawaii, the mainland US and Asia in an inspiring and exciting academic competition.

Hawaii will be hosting an unprecedented international robotics competition (Pan Pacific VEX Robotics Championship; <http://robotevents.com/event.php?eid=791>) at the Hawaii Convention Center from December 4 through 6, 2008.

Currently, there are 84 teams from Hawaii, 11 teams from China, 1 from Japan and 5 from the mainland U.S. The event needs volunteers who can provide staff support for the following time slots:

- Thursday, December 4th, 2:00 - 8:00 PM
- Friday, December 5th, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday December 6th, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The following positions are available: no prior experience is needed

- Welcome Desk/Check In Table
- Crowd Control
- Practice Field Attendant
- Field Reset (some very simple knowledge of the game is required)
- Crystal Manager (Assigns teams their crystals [a small micro-chip like mechanism that ensures the remote controllers and robots talk to each other] for their controller every match)
- Cueing Attendant (Ensures teams are on the field in time for their match)
- Judges

This event is an excellent opportunity to become involved in STEM education, contextual learning and workforce development. The 2008 Elevation game animation is at http://robotevents.com/program.php?event_id=1&sortid=8.

Up to 10 teams from this event will qualify for the World VEX Championship to take place in May 2009 in Dallas.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Alex Ho at 587-2760 or email: alexho@dbedt.hawaii.gov.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support. Please invite your colleagues to come and experience the event as well.

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