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Subject: **Hawaii Botball tournament, May 2, 2009: would you like to volunteer?**
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Aloha; 42 teams from 39 middle and high schools (<http://www.botball.org/current-season/HI/>) will be competing in the 2009 Hawaii Botball tournament, May 2, 2009, at the Hawaii Convention Center. The Hawaii Botball regional is the largest in the United States.

The new game features an energy theme in which there are windmills to be collected among other energy symbols along with capturing the Mayor (Botguy) with multiplier points if secured on the upper part of the playing field. New touch screen processors are being used for the first time along with the iCreate robot platform with metal VEX components along with a second robot made out of Lego parts. In Botball, both robots will need to operate autonomously for 2 minutes using student programming.

If you, your friends and colleagues would like to volunteer for the tournament, we are in need of: judges, field re setters, registration, data collectors, score runners, on deck coordinators, etc. as we will have 5 competition fields to speed along the matches.

Tournament: May 2, 2009, Saturday
location: Hawaii Convention Center, exhibit hall I
time: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (for most of the volunteers; a few may need to stay longer if needed if tournament/awards goes longer)
provided: 2009 Botball T shirt, lunch/drink, validated parking

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to be inspired by the students who will be competing, some for the first time. If interested in volunteering, please let me know (art@higp.hawaii.edu) and let me know your T shirt size.

Botball is one of 6 scholastic robotics programs (<http://robotics.hawaii.gov/>) that engage more than 300 teams from over a hundred schools in Hawaii; robots range in size from 125 pounds to those one cubic centimeter. Teams become eligible for competing in national and international tournaments after participating in a Hawaii regional. Thank you for helping to inspire the next generation.....art and rene

We thank Wendell Thomas of the Challenge Center to be the first to volunteer for the Botball tournament.

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