

GETTING THERE

The Ford Idaho Center is just north of the freeway off of the **Garrity Blvd Exit 38** west of Boise. It's about 20 minutes from the Boise (BOI) airport. There are two hotels (**hot pink rectangles**) across the parking lot: The Hampton Inn & Suites and the Home2Suites. Both are managed by the same company. Contact the hotel directly and tell them you are with the FIRST Idaho Regional to get the rates contracted by our Regional Director Lisa. The other local hotel is the MyPlace across the parking lot or there is another one south of freeway at the Holiday Inn Express. No price negotiations have been done with this hotel. Other hotels are available in Meridian off exits 44 and 46 and in Nampa off exits 39 and 40. These are listed on page 7 of this document. If you will be booking 10+ rooms per night you might ask for a discounted rate. Some hotels in this area do that for large groups.

LOAD IN: Load in will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday night and again from 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Only 5 members of your team at a time can be in the venue. **We are allowing Robot Weigh -in during load in to alleviate inspection time on Thursday morning.** The Loading Dock is on the east side of the Arena. Please be mindful of others and try to drop, unload and remove vehicles so that others can do so as well. There is a parking lot immediately adjacent to the load in area so save your smaller items for transport, by foot, from the lot to the venue rather than attempting to do it all in the loading lanes. **Please check in at the table just inside the venue. Look for the “Robots” feather signs.**

TRAILER PARKING: The venue is kind enough to allow us a space near the loading dock to park trailers for the duration of the event. **IT IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. THE FORD IDAHO CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN.** You will need to have a locking hitch and all doors secured and locked. You must also park within the confines of the area outlined by biking racks or cones and tape.

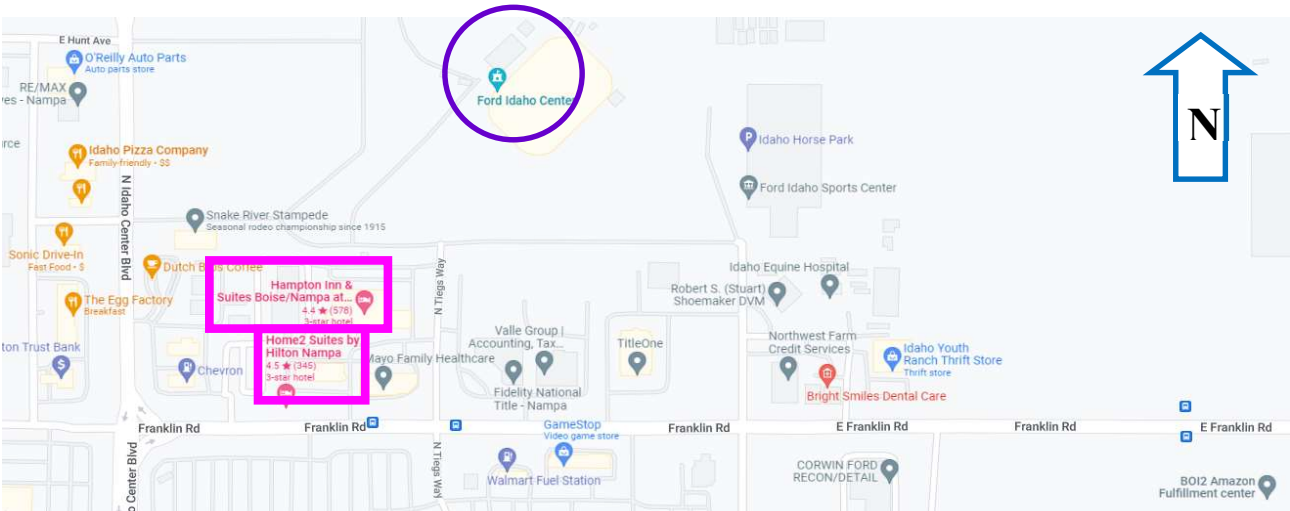
TEAM SOCIAL: Friday evening's Team Social from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Lead and Assistant Mentors will receive detailed information on this by the second week of March. The cost is \$18 per person. Food and activities are currently being discussed. If your team brings 10 students, 1 mentor chaperone will attend for FREE!

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED! Please email your total attendance count to teamsocial@idahofrcregional.org by **March 7th**. Your admission tickets will be included in your team packet at Pit Admin on Thursday morning. You can prepay by using our PayPal link. You may also pay at load-in with a check (Payable to “*Idaho Regional Robotics, Inc.*”). No packets will be given out without payment received.

PITS: Power will come from the floor or panel outlet behind your pit. You will need to bring necessary surge suppressors and extension cords for your pit. Pits are 10' x 10'. Please use Gaffer's tape, not duct tape, on floors/etc. Water and light snacks (chips, crackers, cookies, chocolate, granola bars) will be allowed in the Pits, but no outside food or drink will be allowed in the Arena stands. Tailgating and picnics are allowed on the grounds and parking lots. No outside food will be allowed inside the venue or under the overhangs at the doors. The pits snacks **must** be brought through the loading doors on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and stored in your pit. Concessions will be open for coffee/breakfast and lunch on the upper parquet level of the arena. Boxed lunches by previous order will be offered this year. Keep an eye out for a menu with pricing and how to place your order soon. An email will be sent to your lead mentors on file in your team dashboard with FIRST.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY – NATIONAL ANTHEM: If any of your STUDENTS are interested in performing the National Anthem, or Canadian Anthem during the Opening Ceremonies on Friday or Saturday morning, please contact Lisa, our Regional Director at lisa_lalliss_skogsberg@msn.com or (208) 870-6873.

North of the freeway:



Regional Competition Venue:
Ford Idaho Center

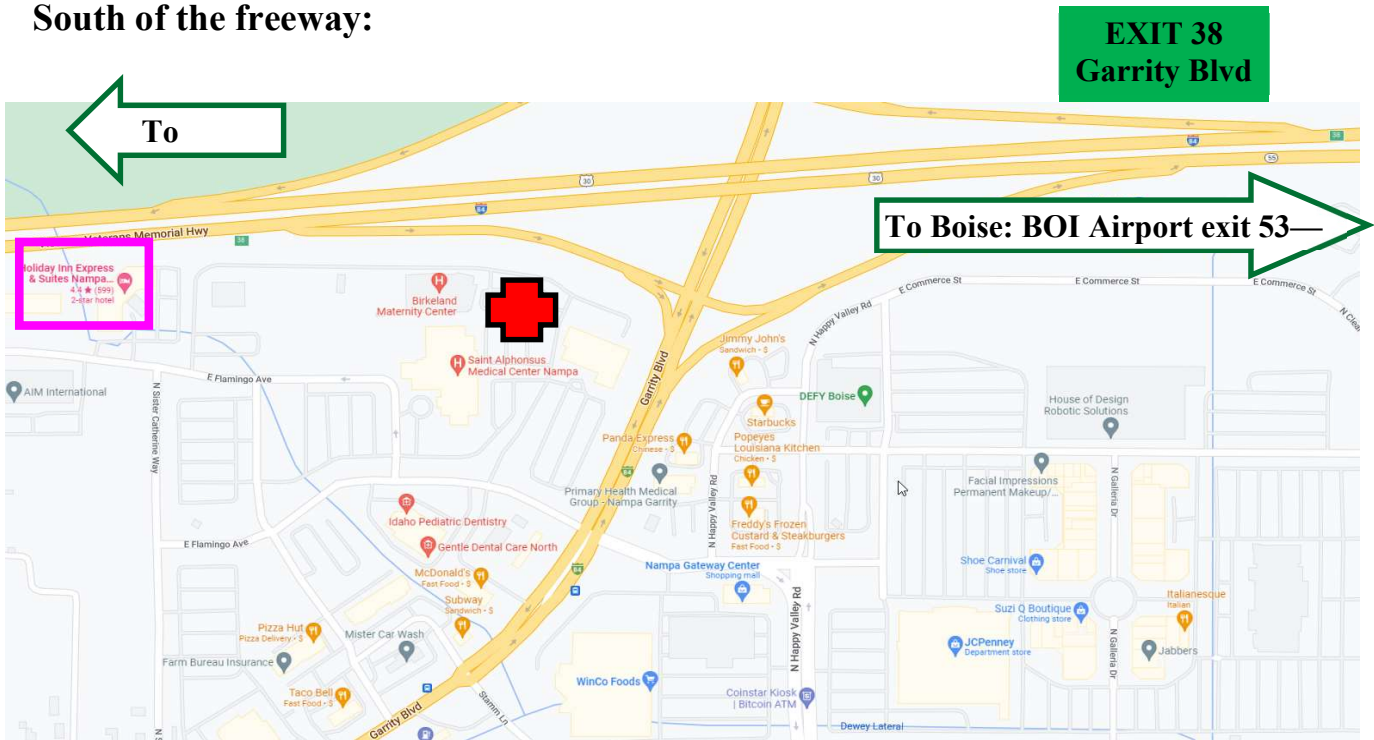
Foods at this exit



Hotels at this exit

Grocery and Shopping

South of the freeway:



Hospital—St. Alphonse

Foods at this exit



Hotels at this exit

Grocery and Shopping

USEFUL INFORMATION

Emergency Services are available at St. Alphonsus Medical Center (noted by the Red Cross on the left side of the map – south of the freeway) and Primary Health Clinic until 8:00 p.m.



24-hour stores in the area:

Walmart just across Franklin south of the arena.

Winco Grocery south of the freeway in the Nampa Gateway Center Mall.

Parts, Tools and Equipment Places:

Home Depot: Karcher Exit in Nampa

2003 N Cassia St, Nampa, ID 83651

(208) 461-6476

Open 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lowe's: Karcher Exit in Nampa

1400 Nampa-Caldwell Blvd, Nampa, ID 83651

(208) 465-4060

Open 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Campbell's Tractor: John Deere dealer parts and service

2014 N Franklin Blvd, Nampa, ID 83687

(208) 466-8414

Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Fastenal: Karcher Exit in Nampa. (Fasteners, bolts, screws, etc.)

337 W Karcher Rd, Nampa, ID 83687

(208) 463-4378

Open 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ace Hardware: A bit further away from the arena

421 12th Ave Rd, Nampa, ID 83686

(208) 461-6077

Open 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Tacoma Screw Products: Off of Cole/Overland Exit, south on Cole. (Fasteners, bolts, screws, etc.)

2230 S Cole Rd, Boise, ID 83709

(208) 378-0560

Open 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

House of Wheels, Inc.: Off of the Cole/Overland Exit, south on Cole. (Wheels of all types)

7701 W. Mossy Cup St.

Boise, ID 83709

(208) 342-3254

Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gem State Metals: Off of Chinden Blvd (Hwy 20/26) towards Boise. (Aluminum sections)

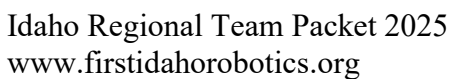
5220 N. Sawyer Ave H.

Garden City, ID

(208) 855-9200

Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Load In:
Wednesday night, Thursday morning
Please follow the red arrows



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THANK YOU!

Everyone who is involved with FIRST, Thank You!

Coaches, parents, teachers, friends, family, the organizing committee, all of our volunteers, our sponsors, our donors, the event center staff, and especially the team members – we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for all of the hard work you have dedicated to making our 2019 Idaho Regional FIRST Robotics Competition possible.

Congratulations to all of our teams in getting this far, and good luck at our regional!



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AREA FOOD OFFERINGS NEAR VENUE

(Outside food from other locations or restaurants cannot be brought **INTO** the arena.)

Walking distance

Jack in the Box

Sonic

Happy Teriyaki

Los Betos

The Egg Factory

Java Rays

Dutch Bros Coffee

Port of Subs

Mi Ranchito Authentic Mexican – sit down

Idaho Pizza Company

Port of Subs

Dutch Bros Coffee

Subway – inside Walmart

Walmart Deli

JaK's Place – sit down grille

Elevate Nutrition

Tin Roof Tacos

Across the freeway in the Shopping Center

Jimmy John's

Starbucks Coffee

Panda Express

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen

Firehouse Subs

Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

Chipotle

Panda Express

Italianesque – sit down

Across the freeway west of the Shopping Center

McDonalds

Subway

Wendy's

Pizza Hut

Taco Bell

Flying Pie Pizzeria

Mongolian Fire Grill BBQ

Fiesta Guadalajara – sit down

HOTELS IN AREA

(in order of closest distance to the venue)

Across the parking lot

Hampton Inn and Home2Suites (she covers BOTH hotels) (208) 442-0036

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (208) 446-4045

My Place Hotel (208) 461-0334

6 miles away at Meridian Exit 44 (you'll be going AGAINST rush hour traffic)

Motel 6 (208) 888-1212

Best Western Plus (208) 887-7888

7.5 miles away at Eagle Road Exit 46 (you'll be going AGAINST rush hour traffic)

(South side of freeway)

Tru by Hilton (208) 519-3535

Courtyard Marriott (208) 888-0800

(North side of freeway)

La Quinta Inn (208) 288-2100

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (208) 288-2060

Hampton Inn & Suites (208) 887-3600

Country Inn & Suites (a bit north of exit) (208) 639-3300

My Place (a bit further north) (208) 898-0009

RESTAURANT INFORMATION

Local Haunts in Boise: This is a partial listing of what is available in the area. Google maps and Yelp are great resources. These cannot be brought **INTO** the arena.

Downtown Boise Restaurants

10 Barrel Brewing
Bardenay (Basque cuisine)
Boise Fry Company
Bonefish Grill
Deli George Sandwiches
Flatbread Pizza – 8th and Main
Fork
Hawkins Pac-Out
Highland Hollow
Mai Thai
Old Chicago Pizza
PF Changs

By BSU

Baja Fresh
Big Juds 1 lb and 2 lb burgers (may be shared), shakes, thick Idaho fries with skins.
Corner of Beacon and Boise Avenue just a few blocks from the arena to the south west.
Chili's Mexican Grill
Idaho Pizza Company
Noodles and Company
Papa Joe's – pizza and subs. Corner of University and Capitol on the west side of campus.
Pie Hole Pizza
Ram Restaurant – sit-down steaks, seafood, burgers, salads.
Red Robin – burgers, salads, etc. By Park Center Pond off Park Center Blvd.
Even Stevens Sandwiches - "For every sandwich purchased, they donate a sandwich to a local non-profit" Website: evenstevens.com (208) 343-4018
Jenny's Lunch Line - "Best cookies I've ever tasted" www.jennyslunchline.com (208) 433-0092
BBQ4Life - BBQ and Vegan food <http://www.bbq4life.net/> (208) 447-0503

By the Boise Towne Square Mall

Applebee's
Cafe Ole Mexican
Cafe Zupa's sandwich, soup and salad bar
The Cheesecake Factory
Chick-Fil-A
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Flying Pie Pizzeria
Old Chicago Pizza
Olive Garden
Quizno's Subs
Red Lobster Seafood