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**Robotics Competition to be Held in Livingston County  
Area Middle and High School Students Prepare for Regional Qualifying Event**

HOWELL, MICHIGAN — The Livingston County RoboSumo competition will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at Charyl Stockwell Academy in Howell. The event, hosted by Kensington Woods High School (KWHS), encourages students to have fun while learning computer programming, engineering, math, and science.

RoboSumo is a regional qualifying event with two divisions: middle school students compete in the Lego division, and high school students compete in the Vex Pentathlon division. The Livingston County event is one of 25 regional qualifying events. From approximately 500 international and regional student teams, the top competition winners will meet in the World Robofest 2007 Championship at Lawrence Tech in Southfield on April 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Michigan, teams will participate from Texas, California, Washington, Florida, Canada, Korea, and Singapore.

Robofest was developed in 2000 at Southfield's Lawrence Tech by computer science professor Dr. C.J. Chung. David Coupland, the Kensington Woods High School robot club coordinator and math/physics/science teacher, met Dr. Chung through a common interest in Robot Sumo and have together supported Detroit-area computer and robotics clubs for several years.

In addition to hosting the RoboSumo event, the Kensington Woods Robotics Club is building and entering a Vex robot in the high school competition division. The structural construction of the Vex robot incorporates movement with a programmable computer-based design. "The students

are putting their final touches on the robot and beginning to work on preparing for the actual competition,” says David Coupland. “They are very excited about the robot construction, and they look forward to competing.”

The Robot Sumo event is free to the public. Charyl Stockwell Academy is located at 9758 E. Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843. For more information about Robot Sumo, contact David Coupland at 517-545-0828 or via email at [dcoupland@kensingtonwoodshs.com](mailto:dcoupland@kensingtonwoodshs.com). For more information about Kensington Woods High School, contact Jim Perry at 517-545-0828 or via email at [jperry@kensingtonwoodshs.com](mailto:jperry@kensingtonwoodshs.com).

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Kensington Woods High School student Aaron Vance completes detailed work on the club's Vex robot.