

G.I.R.L. TECH UPCOMING EVENTS

Hello interns (and parents)! Welcome to the first G.I.R.L. Tech internship newsletter.

We're excited to announce our upcoming internship events. Most of these special meetings and visits will take place during our normal Monday and Wednesday sessions. For meetings in locations other than the Entertainment Technology Center, we will send out driving directions closer to the meeting date. The ETC Soft Opening event does not fall within our usual meeting times but you are encouraged to attend if possible. Please don't hesitate to contact Laura Lantz at (757) 303-6339 if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH (I.E. TOMORROW!)



The core G.I.R.L. Tech members are presenting an overview of our project to the rest of the Entertainment Technology Center community. We would love to have you there—please arrive at the ETC promptly at 3:40 (or earlier if possible) to ensure that you're able to catch our presentation from the beginning.

After our presentation, robotic toy makers **Bossa Nova Concepts** (www.bnconcepts.com) will join us to talk about robotics in the toy industry and lead a brainstorming session about robotic toy designs that appeal specifically to girls.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

BeatBots (www.beatbots.org) is visiting to demonstrate Keepon, a small yellow robot designed to study social development by interacting with children. We'll get to interact with Keepon (he dances!) and talk with Marek Michalowski about BeatBots' work creating robots for research, therapy, and entertainment.



MONDAY, APRIL 13TH



Instead of our usual meeting place at the Entertainment Technology Center, we will meet up at **Disney Research Pittsburgh** (www.disneyresearch.com) to see their motion capture lab, participate in a demonstration, and talk about how researchers are working to create life-like robotic movement for animatronics.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH



Soft Opening! This is an all-day (9am-4pm), open-house-type event in which all student project teams at the Entertainment Technology Center show off their completed (or nearly-complete) projects. You're welcome to join us in demonstrating the robotic painter exhibit to visitors and talking about your work on the project. There will also be a ton of other ETC projects you can check out—visit www.etc.cmu.edu/projects/ to get a sneak peek at what they're working on!

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH

We will meet up at the Entertainment Technology Center and travel to the workspace for **Mechanical** (www.mechanical.net), which develops robots for museum exhibits, research, and commercial use.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH



Instead of our usual meeting place at the Entertainment Technology Center, we will meet up at the **National Robotics Engineering Center** (www.rec.ri.cmu.edu) for a tour of the NERC and multimedia presentation about a variety of their past and current projects.