



**MichiganTech**

Dear Baja Teams,

Thank you for registering for the blizzard baja race event.

Michigan Tech's Blizzard Baja team has been working hard with a wide range of people to prepare for this year's WINTER BAJA competition. This packet is your primary resource for the event. Included are the mandatory rules, directions to and parking for the track race day schedule and Blizzard Baja contacts. We ask that on the day of the race you provide us with one track worker for the race. The person you provide will be at their station on the track for the entire race. This year we have designated spectator areas where the rest of your team may watch from. In addition to watching the race you can check out some of the sponsor booths inside the wood gym, and check your vehicle position on the real-time lap counter display. Concessions and apparel will also be available indoors.

**Restrictions**

- For safety reasons we will be doing technical inspections
- Vehicles must conform to 2003 or newer SAE rules
- All vehicles must use the standard 10 HP Briggs & Stratton engine
- Stock mufflers must be used
- No studded tires or skis
- Clutch covers, chain guards, and a working kill switch are required.
- Safety gear such as seat belts, helmets, neck brace, and wrist restraints must be worn at all times in the vehicle.
- Governor settings must not exceed 4200 rpm

For the latest updates and media, be sure to check out the MTU Blizzard Baja Facebook page and look for the Winter Baja Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/MtuBlizzardBaja>

<http://winterbaja.enterprise.mtu.edu/>

Also, if you have graduated or are otherwise not the correct contact for your team, please pass this on to the appropriate contact. Please feel free to e-mail us with any other questions or uncertainties.

Thank you,  
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MTU Blizzard Baja Director  
(920) 585-5944

**Race Day Schedule**

<b>Winter Baja 2016 Event Calendar</b>		<b>Date:</b>
10:00 PM	Team Captain Meeting- <b>Super 8 Motel</b>	Friday 2/12/16
7:00 AM	Pits open to competitors	Saturday 2/13/16
7:30 AM	Tech Inspection begins, wood gym opens	
8:00 AM	Dynamic Event opens	
	Concessions Opens	
9:30 AM	Track workers; meet in wood gym.	
10:00 AM	Drivers meeting; meet in wood gym	
10:30 AM	Tech Inspect closes	
11:00 AM	Dynamic Event closes	
11:30 AM	Race Prep; Line up begins	
12:00 PM	Race Starts	
12:30 PM	Blizzard Baja 2016	
1:00 PM		
1:30 PM		
2:00 PM		
2:30 PM		
3:00 PM		
3:30 PM		
4:00 PM	Race Concludes	
4:30 PM	Pit cleans; Pack cars and trailers.	
5:00 PM	Awards Banquet in Wood Gym	

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<p>If at any point you have question please text Nathan at (920)585-5944 or Garrett Mitchell (920-883-9701) during the day of the race.</p> <p>Please include school name, your name, where to find you, and your question or issue.</p>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>
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## **Mandatory Rules and Regulations**

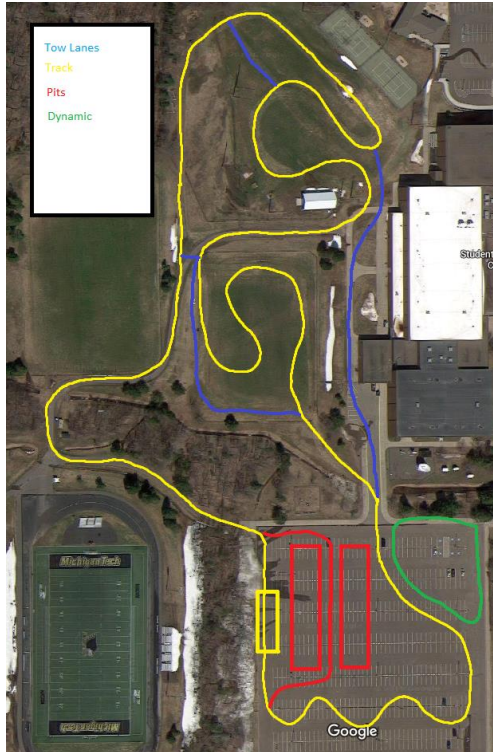
- Vehicles must conform to 2003 or newer SAE rules
- All vehicles **MUST** use the standard 10 HP Briggs & Stratton engine
- **Stock mufflers** must be used
- Front and rear tow points
- No studded tires or skis
- All rotating parts must be shielded per SAE rules EX: Clutch covers, chain guards
- 2 working kill switches
- Safety gear such as seat belts, helmets, neck brace, and wrist restraints must be worn at all times in the vehicle.
- Governor settings must not exceed 4200 rpm.
- Cars must be at walking speed through the pits
- All vehicles must have a transponder. Provided by your team or rented from MTU.
- Functional braking system. Static check will be done during inspection.
- There will be no tolerance of swearing, profanity, or unsportsmanlike behavior. Black Flags will be issued with possible disqualification
- We ask that you do your best to have a working brake light

Please take great care in reading these rules and complying in all possible ways. It is at the discretion of the technical inspector whether or not you race. Please do not give him or her reason to keep you out of the event.

## **Dynamic Event Rules**

Same as last year, with the pickled eggs and all. We will explain once the teams get up here.

## Parking/Pit map/Track Layout



*\*\*\*Milwaukee Tool will also be in the pits to rent out electronic tool to teams.\*\*\**

## Apparel

Event T-shirts will be available for **\$12** and hats will be **\$10** inside the SDC Wood Gym at the event. If you did not pre-order shirts when you registered, you still have the opportunity to order them.

## Media

This year, the MTU Baja team will be doing live-stream coverage of the event on our website. We will also be featuring a live scoreboard in the pits and inside the facilities as well.

Teams are encouraged to use GoPro's. The MTU Baja team will have GoPro's mounted on the track in strategic locations. There will be a computer with an external hard drive at the transponder table for you to share all of your GoPro footage after the race. The MTU Baja team will compile footage and have a video posted on youtube in the weeks following the race.

## **Local Hotels**

### Super 8

20 rooms reserved under MTU Baja until Jan 2nd  
1200 E. Lakeshore Dr  
Houghton, MI 49931  
906-482-2240

### Best Western Franklin Square Inn

820 Sheldon Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931  
906-487-1700

### Travelodge of Houghton

215 Sheldon Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931  
906-482-1400

### Country Inn & Suites Hotel

919 Razorback Dr  
Houghton, MI 49931  
906-487-6700

### Holiday Inn Express-Houghton

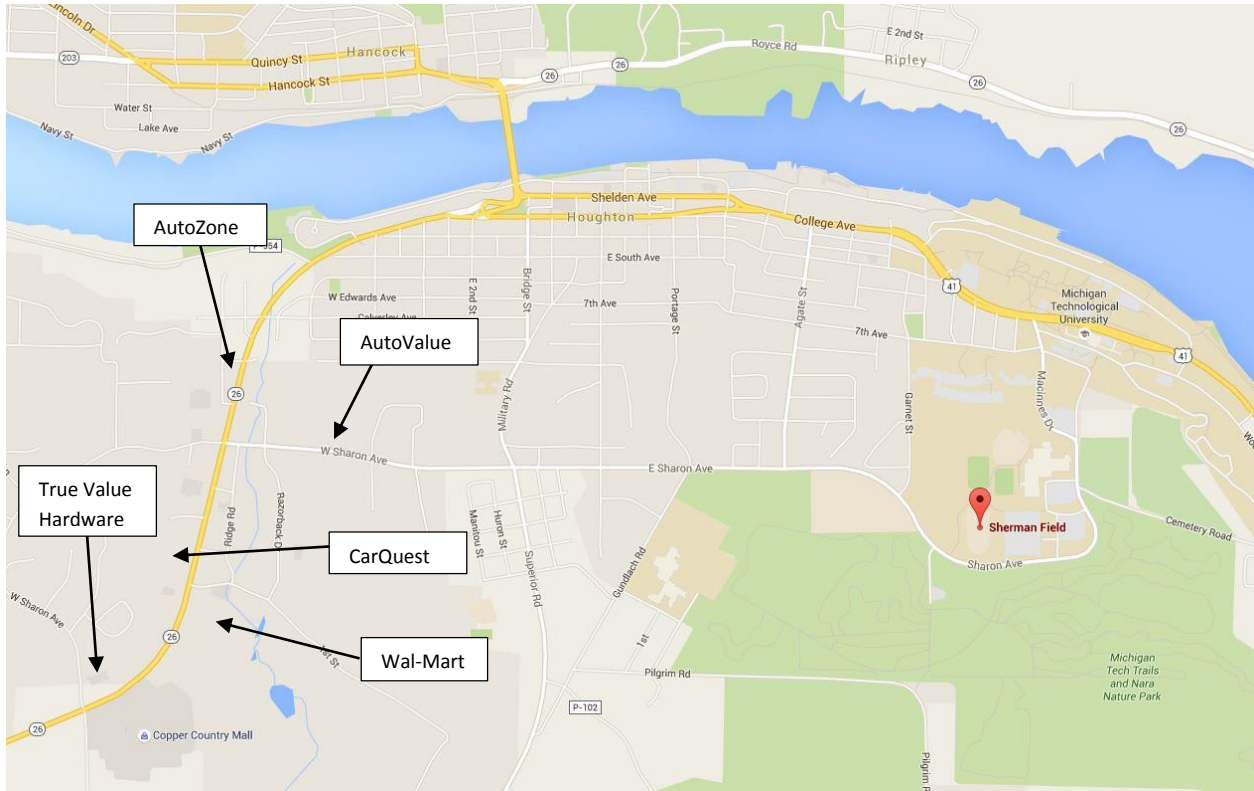
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Houghton, MI 49931  
906-482-1066

### Ramada-Hancock

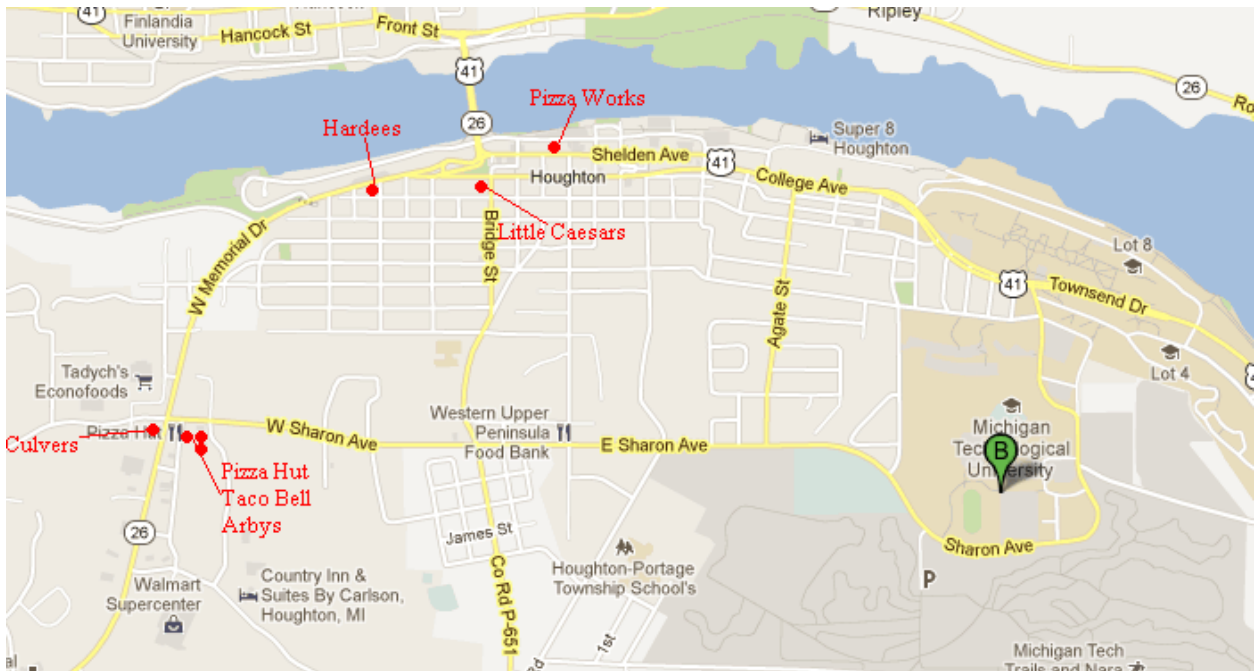
99 Navy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
906-482-8400

**Maps:**

**Part Stores:**



**Fast Food:**



Contact Information:

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During the event if you need help at any time please look for a non-track worker wearing an orange vest and they will assist you.

Thank you again for registering for the Blizzard Baja Race event, the Michigan Technological University Baja team looks forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

*Nathan Hartness*

Blizzard Baja Director.