

HIGH TECH SPORTING EVENT



Created by Dean Kamen, renowned inventor and entrepreneur, The First Robotics Competition is an exciting, nationwide competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way. The program is a life-changing, career-molding experience—and a lot of fun.

In 2015 the competition reached more than 73,000 students in over 2,980 teams in 56 competitions. Teams come from Canada, Brazil, the U.K., and every U.S. state. The competitions are high-tech spectator sporting events, the result of focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines, and tough deadlines.

Colleges, universities, corporations, businesses, and individuals provide scholarships to our participants. Involved engineers experience again many of the reasons they chose engineering as a profession, and the companies they work for contribute to the community while they prepare and create their future workforce.

North Buncombe High School **FIRST** Robotics Team and **YOU** **A Winning Alliance!**

Support Sought from Community Businesses

“WE’RE BUILDING SKILLS, NOT JUST A ROBOT!” says Mike Bowman, Team Coach and Physics Teacher at North Buncombe High School.

“By inventing the FIRST Robotics Competition, Dean Kamen has provided a great opportunity for our kids and our community” says Mike Bowman, coach and leader of FRC Team 3971. “Its goals are a perfect match with ours, and it adds a level of excitement to our kids’ learning experience that can’t be beat.”

NBHS Robotics Program goals

The high school’s robot team is devoted to the pursuit of learning and skill building in a number of areas, ranging from engineering to teamwork to community outreach.

Now celebrating its fourth year, the team has been fortunate enough to win several awards including Highest Rookie Seed, Xerox Creativity Award, and has been a finalist at the regional competition two years running. In 2015 the team attended the Championship event in St. Louis.

Community Support Needed

“This is an expensive competition, and we can’t do it without community support,” says Bowman. “The 2014-2015 season cost over \$15,000, which includes competing at the Championship event. We’re looking to raise about \$15,000 for the 2015-2016 season in the hopes that we will again attend the Championship”.

“We need all the help we can get,” says Bowman. “The kids will be out raising money, but we’re depending on local businesses to contribute the majority share. We’ll be contacting the area’s larger businesses, we anticipate strong support.”

Another equally important way that folks can contribute to the team is to act as mentor or helper. Like all such teams, 3971 has many areas of need, from technical to team building and support. *Please feel free to contact us ... how would **YOU** like to help?*

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NBHS

Contribute to our Award Winning Team, You CAN Make a Difference!

Thanks to sponsors like you, the NBHS FIRST Robotics team was honored to receive the coveted "Highest Seed Rookie" award and the "Creativity Design" award. This would not have been possible without your support.

Each contribution, large and small is used to greatest advantage during the year. So, whether you're a returning sponsor, or new this year, we say a resounding "THANK YOU", and welcome aboard!

Your Support Can Help Us Win!



Corporate Sponsors

Community Sponsors

Gold: \$500 - \$999

- The satisfaction of knowing you helped our kids.
- Your company Name printed on the back of team shirt.
- Recognition at all of our fund raising events and competition.
- One of the team shirts.
- Mention in our press releases.
- Mention of your sponsorship on our web page
- A certificate to display in your business.
- An invitation to attend our Unveiling Event.
- A photo of our team with the robot.
- An invitation to come drive our robot.

Bronze: \$10 - \$99

- The satisfaction of knowing you helped our kids.
- Certificate of your support to proudly display.
- Mention of your sponsorship on our web page.
- An invitation to attend our Unveiling Event

Silver: \$100 - \$499 *All of the above plus:*

- Recognition at our fund raising events and competition.
- One of the team shirts.
- A photo of our team with the robot.
- An invitation to come drive our robot.

In-Kind Services & Materials

In-kind contributions are important! Your support level will be determined by the market value of your contribution. Here are just a few of the things we are looking for to help us build our robot:

- Machining, other fabrication services
- Engineering services
- Parts/Tools/Materials
- Food, transportation for the team
- Team shirts, jackets, other apparel
- PR services, such as printing, advertising

Platinum: \$1,000 - \$4,999 *All of the above plus:*

- Your company Name, Logo and Tag Line printed on the back of team shirt.
- A framed certificate to display proudly in your business.
- Your company name strategically placed on the robot.
- Use of the robot for display at your business for 2 weeks after the competition.
- Five of the team shirts.
- Recognition at our high-profile fund raising events.
- Enhanced mention of your sponsorship on our web page.

Diamond: \$5,000 or more *All of the above plus:*

- Your company Name, Logo and Tag Line prominently on the front of the team shirt.
- News article with team pictured at your place of business.
- Enhanced visibility of your Name/Logo on robot.
- Use of the robot for display at your business for 1 month.

Note: Team shirts will be worn by team members at all FIRST public events.



Donating is Easy!

YES! We want to support the NBHS First Robotics Team.

Your Name: _____ Title (if any): _____

Your Telephone #: _____ Your E-mail Address: _____

Company Name (if any): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make payable to "North Buncombe High School Robot Team", send to NBHS, 890 Clarks Chapel Rd, Weaverville, NC 28787. You can also donate by visiting: <http://www.bcsf.net>, be sure to indicate NB Robotics Team when filling out the form!

Donation Amount: _____ Donation Type: Cash In-Kind

You can make a tax exempt donation, but this will cost the team a 4% charge. Please make this tax exempt

For questions or information contact Mike Bowman: michael.bowman@bcsemail.org