

TEAM 1718

KNOCKOUT NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE FIGHTING PI



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Welcome back to the Knockout News!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dean's List Chosen

FRC teams can name two team candidates to compete for scholarships at one district event. Team mentors recently chose Paige Drob and Ethan Vanlerberghe as this year's candidates. Team 1718 has had four past candidates named at the regional state competition go on to compete at the world level since 2010.

Parent Night

Team 1718 will be holding a parent night at 7:00 on Wednesday, February 21. Come visit our build, business and practice field and see our progress. The team will share some season insights with a short presentation and update.

1st District Comp

Gibraltar District, March 1-3 at Oscar A. Carlson HS, Gibraltar, MI

2nd District Comp

Marysville District, April 5-7 at Marysville HS, Marysville, MI

Why I Joined the Team

By Cristopher Line

I joined the team for multiple reasons, while I have never truly been on the team I have gone to many of their competitions. In fact, I have been going to competitions for as long as I can remember due to my dad being a mentor. For many years being on the robotics team was the only thing I wanted so much so that I tried to participate in any form of robotics I could. I even started an entire pin collection of all the teams I could. So during my many years of waiting as soon as robotic signups came around I joined the team.



Now that I have joined the team I love it so much more, everyone around me is great, they are some of the nicest people I have ever known. Whenever I need help someone is able to help me, and even though we are working as hard as we can to accomplish our goals we are still able to have fun. This team has affected my life so much more than I thought possible, every meeting we find new challenges and we keep fighting forward attempting to make everything work. While I have been on the team I learned the importance of responsibility, if you don't do what you are supposed to you let everybody down which brings to mind that there is no I in team. But if you do what you are supposed to everything is amazing. That is why I joined the Fighting Pi.

(Editor's Note: Chris is a first year "Freshman" team member on The Fighting Pi)

What are Your Experiences as a 2nd Year Member?

By Zach Lain

The experience I have had with our team, Team 1718 The Fighting Pi, so far this year has been much better than last. This year I am a second-year team member meaning I have more experience than last year and know more about what I am doing. This also means that during our meetings I can speak up more and talk about things I've learned during my previous year. I think this year will be a great one.

What are your thoughts on the game this year?

This year's game, Power Up, seems very unique as it is a time-based game compared to the completely objective based games in our previous years. The game is a very basic concept with most tasks connecting to others.

What Drew Me to the Team?

By Alex Leone

When I first heard about this team I was deeply intrigued. My friends explained how it worked and where I would best fit in. I went to a few of the workshops like the mech and the electrical and instantly I knew that the electrical group was for me. I connected with the people instantly and the work we would be doing genuinely interested me. As the workshops continued I had accumulated a ton of friends from being on this team and I was super excited for the actual season to begin. When the season began I knew I had made the right decision to be on this team.



What did you learn this year?

I have gained a lot of knowledge. I have learned a lot about wiring batteries and electrical stuff in general. More importantly I have learned life skills that I could use in the real world like social skills, presenting, and how this team works. I have learned social skills from being on a team where I have to communicate with people around me that work differently than i'm used too. I have learned or gotten better on presenting by doing presentations for the group. The most thing I learned is how the small parts of the team end work together to create a working functional robot and get the money to do so by fundraising and getting sponsorships. (Editor's Note: Alex is a first year "Freshman" team member on The Fighting Pi)

Third Year Member Expectations

By Devin Greenia

Entering a new year on The Fighting Pi for the third time I don't expect much change in the mechanics of the team. Once we start building the robot we will be on a 24/7 working job which is stressful but, is the fun part. During this season I know that another batch of students will come in and look for knowledge and finally have a place to use their creativity, but there is a more depressive side of this cycle. Every year we let loose our seniors sharing their knowledge which always hurts everyone left behind. Now going onto the game and my thoughts: I am very enthused by it. With practically infinite possibilities for how to play and with the ability of "power ups" every game will be different spanning from people focusing on boosting themselves or to slow down the other team. I believe that this year is going to be unlike any before for all the reason above and more.

For more team updates, follow us on Twitter @FRC1718, friend us on Facebook at FRC Team 1718: The Fighting Pi, or checkout some posts on our Instagram @Team1718 !

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