

TEAM 1718

KNOCKOUT NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE FIGHTING PI



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Welcome back to the Knockout News!

Did You Know?

Starting the Build

We are now working on building our robot for the competition and for practice.

To the Mentors

The students of team 1718 would like to thank all our wonderful mentors for inspiring us to strive to be a greater person.

To the Parents

The Fighting Pi would like to especially thank all of the wonderful parents that donate their time and money to feed and support us on and off the season.

1st District Comp

Week 1 Competition
Gibraltar District, Feb 28-
March 2 at Oscar A.
Carlson HS, Gibraltar, MI

2nd District Comp

Week 5 Competition
Troy District, March 28-30
at Troy Athens HS,
Troy, MI

Newsletter Release Change

The Newsletter will pick back up with weekly updates.

How Robotics Shaped Who I Am

By: Ben Line

I joined robotics Team 1718, The Fighting Pi, in 2018 and it has changed me profoundly. One of the biggest differences is that I don't want to pursue a career in culinary arts, I want to go to a trade school and learn how to be a machinist. Another way robotics has changed me is my attitude towards winning, the way in which teams achieve victory is more important than winning. By the way in which they win I mean the team's attitude as they work their way toward a victory. You only win if there is a loser, but robotics isn't really like that. Sure teams are ranked and at the end of the season a group of teams will end up on top of the pile. But everyone helps each other out as teams share ideas, parts, and experience; not to mention there are multiple websites in which strategy for the game is constructed. Everyone works together in one way or another. So in a way, all the teams end up on top. Before I joined robotics my view on winning was that you either win or you lose, but robotics changed that. I also learned that the way a team goes about conducting their behavior determines if a team is really victorious. Because of robotics, I understand this and I will never look at a team that didn't come in first and say they are losers, because I know that the real losers are the ones who put others down to raise themselves up and that's not winning.

Joining Sponsorship

By: Annaliese Germundson

I had been surrounded by different types of robotics throughout my life. My older brother was part of the FLL team and while I was interested in robotics, I had never really wanted to actually build the robot. So, I didn't join the FLL robotics team. However I knew that I wanted to join the robotics team when I got into high school. At first, I didn't really know what I wanted so I went to all the workshops that they offer for the different parts of

the team. While I thought that I might want to join CAD or Strategy, I quickly realized that I would not be a good fit. As stated, before I already knew that I didn't want to physically build or program the robot, so I turned to business. Of the four areas to choose from I knew the two that appealed to me the most: Sponsorship and Awards and Presentation. Luckily as a freshman, I am able to experience both sides and choose which one I would prefer. As another option, since the two parts work so closely together, I could help out with both, which is a lovely option to have. So that is the process I went through when deciding what parts of the team I was going to be on.

My Experience in FIRST By: Reagan Wetherholt

My first experience with robotics was when I joined FLL in fourth grade. I originally started by building the robot, which I enjoyed, but I also liked programming it as well. Now that I'm in my freshman year, I got to experience a lot of different parts of the team. I also got to experience what each part of the team did and why they were important. So far, I really enjoy robotics and all the amazing things it has to offer. Not only do I get to work in multiple areas of the team, but I also have a lot of fun while doing it. So far, I'd say this year is going pretty good, and I'm looking forward to another 3 years of robotics.

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