

TEAM 1718

KNOCKOUT NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE FIGHTING PI



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Welcome back to the Knockout News!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Team Picture

The team picture will be taken on January 27 just before lunch. Be sure to wear your Fighting Pi t-shirts. Extras will be brought for new team members who do not have a shirt.

Team Meetings

Team meetings held every Mon/Wed/Thurs, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Sat, 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. If unable to attend contact Mr. Roys in advance. Parents, sponsors and donors are welcome to visit anytime.

Team Meals

A big Thanks to those parents signing up to host team meals at "Sign Up Genius" under "Robotics Meeting Meals"

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

New Team Member Thoughts

By Jacque Keesee

The Fighting Pi is a team that has many benefits for the students - scholarships and opportunities being some of them. Students involved in FIRST are offered over 50 million dollars in scholarships. After graduation, team members can take their knowledge from robotics to the real world and apply it to future job opportunities and internships. Being able to teach skills to others intrigued me - this is what people in robotics do - and it is something I want to be a part of. I also want to be part of a group of intelligent students that work hard every day for a goal. That is why I wanted to be on Team 1718, Fighting Pi.



The game this year will bring us new challenges and obstacles. Our robot has to have: speed, the ability to climb, let other robots climb onto our robot, and to pick up blocks. Equally as well, we have power-ups included in our game which include boost, levitate and force. Boost gives us x2 points for 10 seconds, force gives us control of the middle scale and our switch and levitate gives us one free climb. With the power-ups, it allows many different strategy ideas for us to use. To advance to the Einstein field level at championships we need many different strategies available at any given moment. Personally, I am very optimistic about this year and I hope to make it to the Einstein field.

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

Third Year Team Member Opinion

By Jerry Fetty

In my opinion, I feel this year's game is too bland, much like 2015. There's only one major objective to follow for the majority of matches and climbing is nothing new. I'll admit, I enjoy the control point idea with the scale and switches, but I feel there's not enough to do after that. It's just box manipulation and defense. I am excited to enter the season of 2018 as a 3rd year team member as this means newer members with less experience than myself. This gives me, as an individual, leadership experience I have previously not had. Also, I look forward to seeing what our robot will end up looking like this year, and how well it will perform compared to other years.

First Impressions

By Charlotte VanFleteren

When I first walked up to the building to go to my interview for The Fighting Pi, I thought that it would be just like any other sports team. The sports teams I've been on have been uncooperative when working together. However, I discovered a group of such inviting people who are out to try and take your place, but instead everyone works with you to accomplish a goal. That goal can be anything whether it is making major decisions or just grabbing a tool. As time goes by the team has been and is still a very diligent, connected and courageous group; which I am glad to be a part of. Go Fighting Pi!



(Editor's Note: Charlotte is a first year "Sophomore" team member on The Pi)

Previous FLL Member Thoughts

By Joshua Prall-Stankewitz

When I was in Middle School, I started participating in FIRST FLL, when I joined the local team in which I met two people who I still know on Team #1718 The Fighting Pi today. This initial experience as well as my own mindset to go into engineering is what brought me into The Fighting Pi. Kick-off was only two weeks ago, and I have already learned the difference between different wheels, drive trains, transmissions, etc., things I never even thought about before. This and the friendliness of the entire team makes me have no regrets about participating in FIRST and The Fighting Pi, with this year's game, FIRST Power Up. This year's game is going to be exciting and challenging because of the many different possible ways to make and use the robot, but I'm happy to greet that challenge because I have Team #1718, The Fighting Pi at my side.



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

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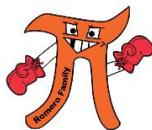
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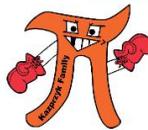
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