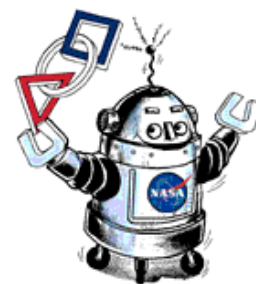


A Letter to Parents of Wissahickon Robotics Team Members



Date: 10/7/04

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the FIRST Robotics Competition, a national technology contest, supported by school, business and university partnerships. The purpose of this program is to open young minds to the fields of science and technology by involving students in an intense and fun activity that provides unique opportunities for personal growth. We have enclosed some information about the organization for your review. As a participant in this program, your child will learn high tech skills and be eligible for substantial college scholarships, while experiencing the thrills of intense team-based competition. While the benefits and experiences provided are significant, it should be noted that this program is a year-long activity and will require a considerable time commitment from your child.

Teaming up with engineers and technicians, students get a hands-on, inside look at technology in action. In Six action-packed weeks, our team of students will work together to brainstorm, design, construct and prepare a robot for competition. Our team will then compete against other robotics teams from around the country in arena-based tournaments complete with referees, screaming fans and time clocks.

The result is a fun, exciting and stimulating environment in which students can discover the important connection between classroom lessons and real world applications. Past experience has shown that this program not only helps students gain valuable knowledge and experience, but often changes the course of their lives.

Your child has already attended a number of meetings on school premises, but needs your permission for some of the activities which will soon be taking place. A permission form and participation policy has been attached for your review and signature. If you agree to permit your child to participate, please sign and return the attached forms to Mr. Ostrow as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me, should you have any questions about the FIRST Robotics Competition. My e-mail and phone information is listed below. Thank you for supporting the Wissahickon Robotics Team.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ostrow

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Visit us on the web: www.team341.com

Permission Form for Wissahickon Robotics Team Members

Date _____

Parents/Guardians of _____ :

Below is a list which summarizes some of the anticipated activities in which your child may become involved as a member of the Wissahickon Robotics Team. For each item on the list please consider whether you will grant permission for that activity.

I, _____ the parent/guardian of _____ the student
_____, agree to allow my child to
participate in the activities listed below.

Note: Activities will vary dependent upon your child's interests. All of the activities listed below will be supervised by a qualified employee of the Wissahickon S. D., North Montco Technical Career Center or Montgomery County I.U. Regular work activities may take place at WSD Facilities, North Montco Technical Career Center, or corporate sponsor facilities. Competitions and Presentations may take place at a variety of locations. Individual permission forms will be distributed for such trips. Notification regarding travel and intended activities will always be provided.

Anticipated Activities :

- 1) Robot assembly and related projects, such as practice field construction. (bolting, soldering, wiring, etc.)
- 2) Manufacturing of basic construction parts. (drilling, sawing, cutting etc.)
- 3) Supervised operation of lathes, drill presses, milling machines, band saws, and grinders at North Montco TCC or WHS.
- 4) Operating and repairing a remote control robot.
- 5) Being filmed, photographed, or quoted in a variety of media such as newspaper articles, brochures, television features, school board presentations, robotics team videos and school supervised Team Web Site.
- 6) Meetings, after school, at off-site corporate facilities with technical advisors and sponsors.
- 7) Participation in presentations after school and on weekends for community groups, schools and sponsors.
- 8) Possible travel for competition related activities on school or chartered transportation.
(Details and further permissions will follow)
- 9) Possible travel to regional competitions in locations such as Philadelphia, Annapolis, MD or Manchester, NH, March/April 2005 (Details, schedules, and further permissions will follow)
- 10) Possible travel to the National Competition in Atlanta, GA , April 2005

(Details, schedules, and further permissions will follow)

Parental Permission

I grant permission for my child _____, to be involved in all of
the activities listed above. _____

parent/guardian signature