



FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Team 8668

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Dear Sir or Madam;

Allow me to introduce FTC Team 8668: Error 404 Team Name Not Found, a robotics team consisting of seven high school students participating in FIRST Tech Challenge. FTC is a program designed by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) to inspire middle and high school students' interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). There are over 400 FTC teams in Texas and about 5000 across America. As described on the FTC webpage:

“FTC is designed for students in grades 7-12 to compete head to head, using a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. ... Teams, including coaches, mentors and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments.”

<http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc>

The challenge changes each year but you can learn about this year's game here:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc/game-and-season>

In 2015-16, our second season as a team, we participated in four local league meets and placed first at all four. At our league championship, we were awarded the Innovate Award, and we were the team captain for the finalist alliance. Furthermore, at a region-wide qualifier, we earned advancement to the Regional Championship through the inspire award which is the highest possible award. At the Regional Championship, we were awarded engineering notebook Think Award, Finalist Alliance, and third place Inspire all of which qualified us to advance to Super Regionals in San Antonio. At the Super Regionals, we were thrilled to compete against 126 teams and be awarded the Think award again, thereby advancing to the World Championship in St. Louis. While we didn't win any awards in St. Louis, we were honored to compete against and learn from many experienced world class teams.

The 2016-17 season marked our third season as a team. As in the previous two years, we enjoyed success in competition at our local meets. At our Regional Championship, we were awarded the Inspire Award, given to the team whose robot and members are judged to be best in all categories of competition. This recognition qualified us for advancing to the Super Regional Championship in Athens, Georgia. From Athens, we advanced to the World Championship in Houston, Texas, where we competed against sixty four teams and were one of four teams nominated for the Inspire Award.

In 2017-18, our fourth season, we continued to maintain a high level of competition with our modular robot and agile project management strategies. After advancing past our League Championship, we were the Winning Alliance Captain, engineering notebook Think Award winner, and an Inspire Finalist at the Regional

Championship. Because of those awards, we advanced to the Super Regional Championship in Georgia, where we were nominated as the second place Think Award Winner. This allowed us to continue to the World Championship in Houston, where we competed against the top two percent of FTC teams in the world. Here, we were one of four nominees for the Inspire Award for the second consecutive year. This is the highest award given to the team whose robot and members are judged to be superb in all categories of the competition. Additionally, we actively promote STEM in our community year round by participating and even teaching workshops for students. For example, we have taken our robot to the Houston Children's Museum in hopes of inspiring children to pursue opportunities in robotics. This summer we have also held multiple workshops to teach and foster the STEM skills of other students and coaches.

To compete at the level we have obtained, FIRST requires teams to learn business management and marketing skills and to then go into the community to seek corporate sponsorship. It is businesses and companies such as yours that enable us to continue learning and applying the engineering, teamwork, and leadership skills that will shape our future. We seek more than financial support, as we hope to build ongoing relationships with our sponsors. In exchange, we offer recognition for our sponsors through logo placement on our team t-shirts, robot, banner, and social media sites depending on the sponsorship level. Our sponsors last year included NRG, Jacobs, Humphrey, FIRST in Texas, Regal Plastics, Wood Automation, Polyprinter, Arconic, and Boeing, and this year, we would like to invite you to join us in our efforts to have a successful season and promote STEM in our community. This past season, we spent about \$12,000 including travel expenses to Athens, GA. If we advance similarly this year, we expect to spend about the same. Attached is a copy of a flyer providing further sponsorship details.

We would be honored to meet with you, show you our robot, and explain more about FTC. Thank you for your time and consideration of our proposal. We look forward to meeting with you soon and welcoming you as one of our sponsors. We can be reached by phone at 281-486-5692 (Coach Belbas's home number), by email (error404robotics@gmail.com), or via the mailing address 13506 Scenic Glade Dr, Houston, TX 77059. You can also visit our webpage at: <http://www.error404robotics.com/>

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FTC Team Error 404 invites you to partner with us as we strive to be successful in the FTC robotics competition this year and develop our engineering, technology, and teamwork skills that will shape our future careers. In exchange, we offer recognition for our sponsors through logo placement on our team t-shirts, robot, banner, and social media sites depending on the sponsorship level as listed below.

<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Sponsorship Level</u>
Special team created thank you present. Team T-shirt with Sponsor name tag on the front (if requested). Extra large logo on team T-shirts, banner, and robot. Recognized on the team social media sites. Receipt and thank you letter.	Carbon Fiber: \$1000 and up
Special team created thank you present. Team T-shirt with Sponsor name tag on the front (if requested). Large logo on team T-shirts, banner, and robot. Recognized on the team social media sites. Receipt and thank you letter.	Onyx: \$500 to \$999
Small logo on team T-shirt and banner. Recognized on the team social media sites. Receipt and thank you letter.	ABS: \$100-\$499
Name listed on banner. Recognized on the team social media sites. Receipt and thank you letter.	PLA: \$1-\$99

 Business



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 Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____
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Business email: _____

Business website: _____

Please make checks payable to ASSiST, Advancing STEM to Students in South Texas and give to your team member contact or mail to: ASSiST, 13506 Scenic Glade Dr, Houston, TX 77059. NOTE: ASSiST is a registered TX nonprofit corporation and has received IRS 501c3 status. Tax deductible receipts are available upon request.