

Indy South Robotic Tournament

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As coordinating director of the Indy South Robotic Tournament, I am asking for you to consider a sponsorship donation that will provide 200 students the opportunity to exhibit their passion for engineering.

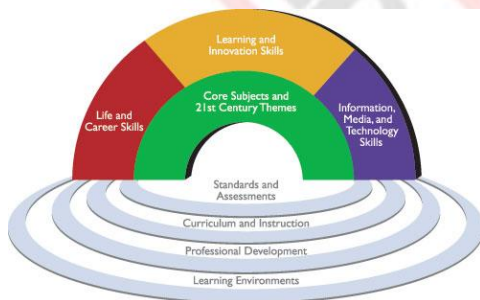
The Indy South Robotic Tournament is a chance for students from all over central Indiana to participate in an event that combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology.

“Everyone seems to know that one needs a solid background in mathematics and the physical sciences in order to be an engineer. Professional engineers draw upon this knowledge every day in their professional life as they set out to design, create, invent, innovate and solve problems. Yet, there is an important piece of what could be considered "pre-engineering" missing from the public's consciousness, and that is to have students that aspire to be engineers study technology during their K-12 education.”¹ FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) has set out to change this!



Above: Two students run their robot during a Robot Performance Round.

“FIRST was founded in 1989 to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. Based in Manchester, NH, the 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit public charity designs accessible, innovative programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills.”²



Above: The graphic above represents the framework for 21st Century Learning as presented on the <http://www.p21.org> website.

FIRST Lego League (FLL) is a result of an exciting alliance between FIRST and the LEGO Company. Guided by adult mentors and their own imaginations, FLL students solve real-world engineering challenges, develop important life skills, and learn to make positive contributions to society. During a FLL tournament, students will use a LEGO MINDSTORMS® Invention system to demonstrate 21st Century Learning Skills such as: Life and Career Skills,

Learning and Innovation Skills, and Information, Media and Technology Skills. They do this while displaying "Gracious Professionalism™."

1. Janosz, David. "Engineers of the Future." <http://www.nj.com/opinion/times/editorials/index.ssf?/base/news-0/117267870262890.xml&coll=5>. 2010 New Jersey On-Line LLC., 28 February 2007. Web. 2 September 2010

2. "About Us: Vision & Mission Statement." <http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/content.aspx?id=34>. FIRST, Web 2 September 2010

The Indy South Robotic Tournament will be held on November 13, 2010 at Center Grove Middle School North. Your generous sponsorship would be highlighted in these ways:

- Company name in meeting announcements and promotional materials
- Company recognized in opening ceremony
- Signage recognizing contribution at event
- Acknowledgement in coaches' folders
- Icon link from the tournament homepage



Above: All State Qualifying teams dancing while judges tally scores.

You and any other representatives of your company will be most welcome to attend so that we can thank you personally for your support.




Above: Side view of the action in the pit area.

The estimated audience of **200** students, their parents and other family members will benefit tremendously from your generosity. It is through charitable sponsorships like yours that these students have an opportunity to participate in such an exciting event. The proposed cost of this educational opportunity would be as follows:

Expenses:		Estimated
Who	What	Cost
CGMSN	50 tables	\$0.00
FIRST	Liability Insurance	\$100.00
Bardach Awards South	Awards	\$200.00
Bluegrass Sportswear, Inc.	Event Shirts <small>(30 @ 7.00)</small>	\$210.00
Subway/Papa Johns	Lunch Food for Judges	\$100.00
CGMSN	Facility Rental	\$0.00
Director Fee	Snod's time-Priceless	\$0.00
Meijer	Drinks for Judges <small>(Water-32x\$1) (Soda-72*.75)</small>	\$86.00
Duncan Doughnuts	Breakfast foods/drinks for vols	\$40.00
Incidentals	Name Tags/Lanyards/Signage	\$60.00
Total Expenses:		\$796.00

Please contact me via email or phone if you are interested in providing a donation of any amount. Checks can be made to *Center Grove Education Foundation* with a memo: *Indy South Robotics*. You may reach me at 317-885-8800 ext. 5149 or via email at snodgrassm@centergrove.k12.in.us. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely,

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