



The Missoula Robotics Team is made up of 25 high school students, 4 full-time adult mentors, and 6 part-time adult mentors from Missoula County. We are very passionate about learning and teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) through the most challenging level of competition offered to students. Our team competes in a competition run by FIRST, of which there are over 4,400 teams worldwide.

The FRC level of competition intensely challenges our students over a six week period with problem solving and learning. The objective of the build season is to progress from a blank sheet of paper, through the design, build, testing, and development of their own totally unique robot. In past years we have competed in places such as Calgary, Salt Lake City, Seattle, and Spokane with the goal of qualifying for the world championship in Houston.

Students from our team have gone on to pursue careers as mechanics, architects, programmers, and engineers. Building a robot from scratch is a very complex challenge that forces students to become intimately knowledgeable about the types of working systems they will use in their careers. Additionally, our team is based on the guiding principles of teamwork and Gracious Professionalism. It is expected that students learn to work together, each pulling their weight for the common good of the team.

As you can imagine, it costs a lot of money for parts, tools, and technology required to build our robot and transport 25 students to a competition in Calgary. The entry fee alone is \$5,000. Our team runs a budget close to \$40,000 a year. As a result, student team members are given the task of fundraising. We view fundraising as a valuable part of each student's growth and development.

Without the help of our sponsors, our team would not be able to accomplish our goals. Since 2006, our team has been very fortunate to receive support from many national and local sponsors, of which we are very appreciative! The opportunity that your donation gives our team is priceless. Every dollar counts and is greatly appreciated. We hope that you will choose to support our students, the next generation of Montana's STEAM workforce.

As noted on the enclosed Donor Contribution Form, support for our team is often financial, but can also be goods, services, mentor time and expertise, or meal contributions. If you have any further questions, you may contact team fundraising mentor, Molly Stockdale at 406-529-6440. Thank you so much for your time and please remember your sponsorship is tax exempt, ID # 503 (c) 3: 81-0504312.

With great appreciation,

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P.s The team would be interested in giving a presentation and or demonstration of the robots to your business. Please email team3216@gmail.com with your available times and dates if you are interested.