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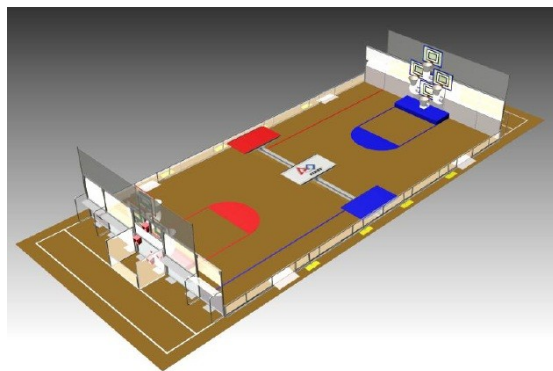
Let The Games Begin:

Taylor Robotics Kicks Off The 2012 Season With A Bang

On Saturday, January 7th, the Taylor School District robotics team gathered for the unveiling of the 2012 robotics game. The objective of this year's game, which is sponsored by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), is to have the student-made robots shoot small basketballs into four different hoops on a 27ft by 52ft carpeted arena. The Taylor team, TNT 280, made up of students from both Kennedy and Truman High Schools, has accepted the challenge to spend the next six weeks building a robot for competitions against other high school level robotics teams. The students design and build this robot in an after school program which is headquartered at the Taylor Career Center. For more information, visit the website at www.usfirst.org

Quote From the Week

- "In Soviet Russia, dog walk you."



Joke of the Week

Why did the robot cross the street?
(See back for answer)

Inside TnT 280 Robotics

TnT 280 has been around for fourteen amazing years. Out of those fourteen years they have been to the National Championship ten times.

The team is made up of students from Kennedy and Truman High schools; two

rival schools coming together to form a team. We spend six weeks together each day 3-9. Over that long amount of time you become more than just a team, you form special bonds and become a family.

This year we hope to accomplish our dreams and go to

nationals. We have around eighteen students, five mentors, four engineers, and five adult teachers.

Our future begins here but will not end here, many of us will carry on into the future into science and technology taking all these experiences with us.



Meeting The Team: The Team Leaders



Questions asked: 1. What is your nickname? Why? 2. How many years have you been on the team? 3. Favorite memory of robotics? 4. Favorite food? 5. What do you plan on going to college for? 6. Who is your biggest inspiration? 7. What is your subgroup? 8. Why did you join robotics?

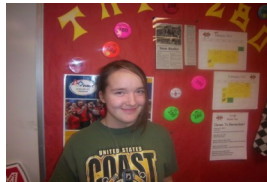
Haley Mortensen

1. "Shoes because I have about 37 pairs of all different converse."
2. "This is my third year."
3. "The bus ride back from Wayne State last year."
4. "Chicken Shwarma."
5. "Probably law."
6. "Eleanor Roosevelt and Chuck Norris."
7. "Build team, Chairman's, rules."
8. "I was a freshman and I was bored."



Sara Root

1. "Peppermint Patty because Haley calls me sir."
2. "This will be my second."
3. "Making all these friends."
4. "Sushi."
5. "Computer engineering."
6. "No one inspires me, I inspire myself."
7. "Chairman's."
8. "Because Haley told me to."



Dale Radcliff

1. "Van Gogh because I can photo shop really well."
2. "This will be my second year."
3. "Building a lot of minibots."
4. "Italian food."
5. "Business and Welding Technology."
6. "My great grandfather who was pretty much an engineer."
7. "Everything."
8. "Because I like engineering."



Jared Rexford

1. "Velcro because of my hair."
2. "Three."
3. "States."
4. "Danishes."
5. "Electrical and Mechanical Engineering."
6. "Danny Nicholson."
7. "Build Team."
8. "I want to be an engineer."



Scholarship Opportunities

Multiple colleges and universities offer scholarships to students who participated in FIRST Robotics Competition. 14 million dollars in scholarships are given away every year. Over 100 colleges in the U.S. offer FIRST Robotics scholarships. Out of those colleges 13 are in Michigan. Those colleges are as followed: College For Creative Studies, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Kettering University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Lawrence Technological University, Phil Clancy Memorial, Schoolcraft College, Spring Arbor University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan/Delphi, and Washtenaw Community College.

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2012 Goals

- Be successful in competitions and awards
- Achieve more scholarships
- Have our community projects to be more meaningful
- Go to State Championship and Nationals
- Win the Chairman's Award
- Be a family :)

Quote of the Week

- A man is but the product of his thoughts what he thinks, he becomes.
 -[Gandhi](#)

Answer :

- To get a byte to eat!