

Bellarmine Robotics
Team 254

Sponsorship Information



OUR TEAM

Who are we?

Team 254 is a California based robotics team located in San Jose, California at the heart of Silicon Valley. Our team participates in FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), which is a global organization that includes thousands of teams and hundreds of thousands of members. Our robotics program not only teaches our members technical skills, but also facilitates their development into well rounded capable leaders that are self confident and can communicate effectively. As a non-profit organization running on a high budget, we rely on sponsorships and donations, both in kind and monetary, to continue running the program smoothly.

Team History

For over 25 years, Team 254 has grown from one of the smallest teams in the country into one of the largest and most successful teams in FIRST. The team started with 5 members in 1998 and has over the years expanded to 100 members. Some of the accomplishments of our team include:

- 71 blue banners
- Winning the FIRST Chairman's [Renamed Impact] Award at the 2004 FIRST Championship inducting us into the FIRST Hall of Fame
- 5 FIRST World Championship wins in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, and 2022
- Dean's List Finalist Award by Jason M. in 2024 and Eric B. in 2013



Creating Opportunities

We create opportunites for students to:

- Build and design a high quality and competitive robot
- Work and learn from industry professionals
- Learn to use professional hardware and software
- Qualify for over $14 million in college scholarships otherwise inaccessible outside of FIRST

More Important than Success...

In competitions is the value for STEM that our members gain while on the team. While working with industry professionals, our members build a strong foundation essential for all engineering fields by learning computer aided design (CAD), machining, and programming. This application of STEM for high schoolers is similar to the applications members might have in their future careers and developing these skills early gives alumni a competitive advantage later on. Our alumni have gone to obtain a B.S. or M.S. degree in top universities in America such as Stanford, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, and Berkeley. After college, our alumni go on to work for large tech companies such as Google, Johnson & Johnson, Intuitive Surgical and many more.

Applying Technical Skills

Our members apply the skills they learn from FIRST to other projects outside the competition season. These projects include Shockwave, our mobile, high speed T-Shirt cannon, that we use in many of our Outreach events. Our members also use these skills when planning, setting up, and running an event like Chezy Champs, our offseason FRC tournament in which we host 40 teams from around the world.



FIRST - "A Sport for the Mind"

FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) combines the excitement of sports with the practical application of science, technology and engineering. Students design, manufacture, assemble, program and test their own original robot to complete designated tasks on the field. In competition season, teams compete in regional tournaments and at the FIRST Championship.

FTC

FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) combines the application of STEM and competition together in smaller teams. Teams that consist of up to 15 members, build medium sized robots using a combination of prefabricated and custom machined parts while solving on the fly, engineering problems. The smaller team size allows students to work together and form deeper bonds with each other while learning and teaching each other. Team 254 started 3 FTC teams, teams 23222, 23223, and 23224 that are a part of the Cheesy Poofs. Our team has taught them the fundamentals of STEM and how to apply it to the competitions and other real world challenges. We have additionally taught them nontechnical skills such as business, fundraising, and media as well as necessary leadership skills such as communication so that they may better work together with each other as a team.



First Robotics Students are...

- 4x more likely to pursue a STEM based career field
- 80% of all FIRST alumni pursue a STEM-based major in college
- 2x more likely to volunteer in their communities





The Value of Connection

FIRST robotics provides many students with their first experience with STEM and engineering. It allows them to develop a curiosity about science and technology-based career fields, motivating them to become proficient in fundamental skills used in industry earlier in their careers. Students also connected with others inside and outside of their team, forming lifelong bonds, friendships, and relationships with their peers and mentors. Students learn from their peers and develop into people ready to take on future challenges later in their lives. The connections students make could help them beyond high school in getting opportunities for jobs.

Outreach

Our team spends a large amount of time, hosting and participating in Outreach initiatives. We have mentored many FIRST teams, sharing with them the experience and expertise of our members. We teach each team the fundamentals of applied STEM and ensure every team has a framework for future success. At the FRC World Championship, we worked with several other teams to facilitate and staff the Team Service Center, providing hundreds of teams access to spare parts and advice. We also showcase robotics at local STEM fairs as well as museums to expand our reach in our local community







SPONSORSHIP

Investing in the future

Sponsoring Team 254, goes beyond giving to a high school robotics team, it invests in the future of STEM and engineering. As a team, we value these opportunities and take them very seriously. It is not only a responsibility to inspire a new generation of members but it also helps drive our members to enrich and cultivate the appreciation for STEM in the communities around us. Our team has contributed over hundreds of volunteer hours in numerous Outreach events, mentoring young students in our community and demonstrating our passion for STEM in various community events. By sponsoring Team 254, your business can help drive a revolution in applied science education and help FIRST achieve its global vision of STEM appreciation around the world.

Benefits

Your company's branding will be showcased on our team's championship winning robot which frequently attends the FIRST World Championship.

Even more importantly, the inclusion of sponsor's branding on team material creates valuable public relations for our sponsors as we compete with thousands of bright and potential engineers or scientists in FIRST competitions.



In addition investing in the future of engineering and STEM, sponsors of Team 254, depending on the donation amount, will also be represented on the Team 254

- Website
- Merchandise
- Robot
- Team Poster
- And other promotional material



Supporter Sponsor

Up to $1000 in monetary donations, goods, or services.
Benefits include:

- Logo on Website

Blue Sponsor

Up to $2000 in monetary donations, goods, or services.
Benefits include:

- Logo on Robot and Promotional Material
- Request Lab Tours
- All Supporter Benefits





Pro Sponsor

Up to $5000 in monetary donations, goods, or services.
Benefits include:

- Request Team 254 Robot at a company event
- All Blue level benefits

Champion Sponsor

$5000 or more in monetary donations, goods, or services.
Benefits include:

- Logo is placed in the most prominent position on team robot and promotional material
- Recognition in official team name introduction at competitions
- All Blue and Pro Level benefits



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