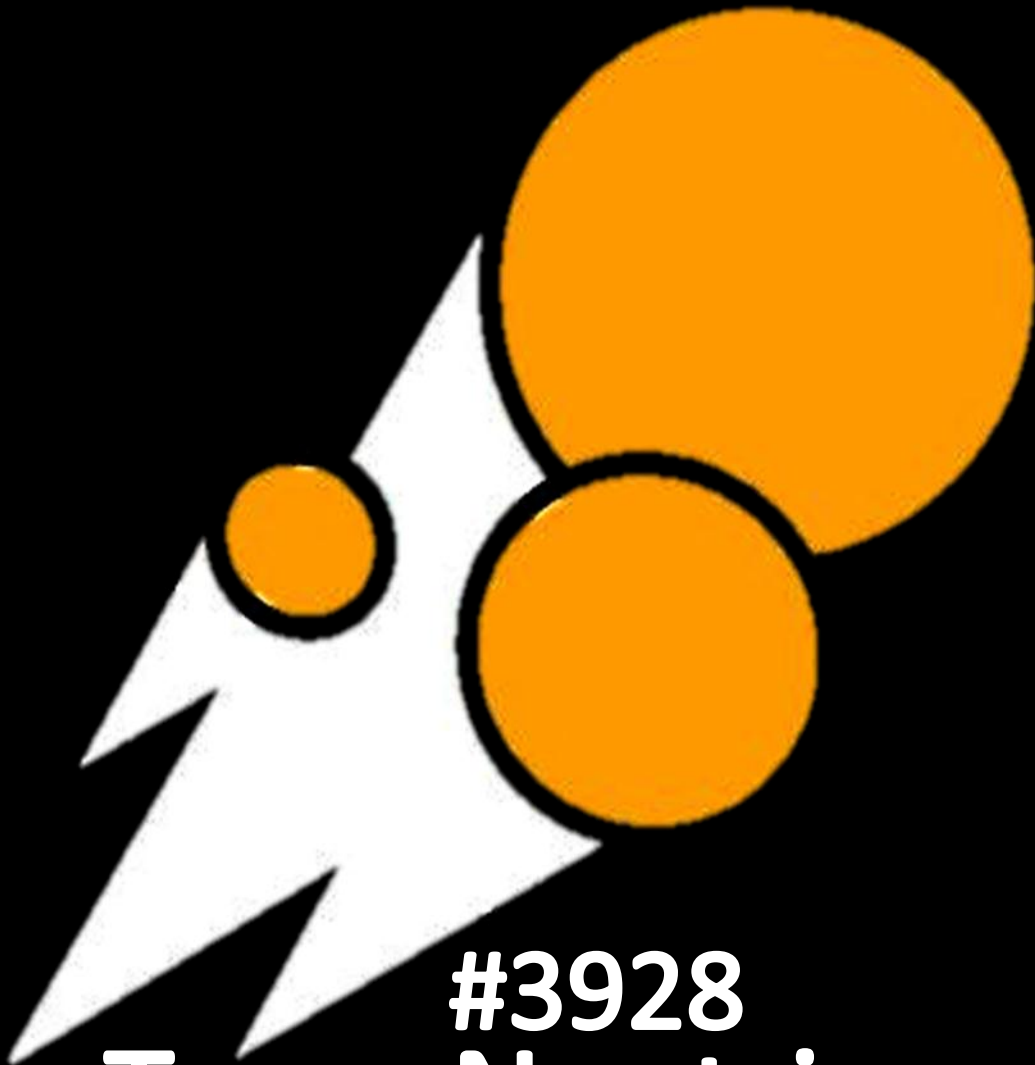


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**Ultimate Ascent**



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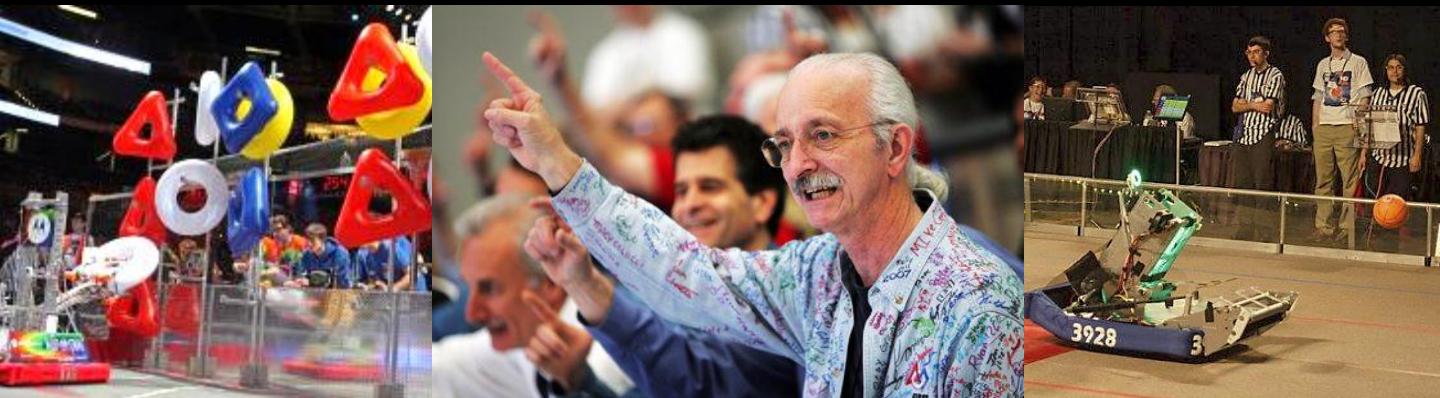
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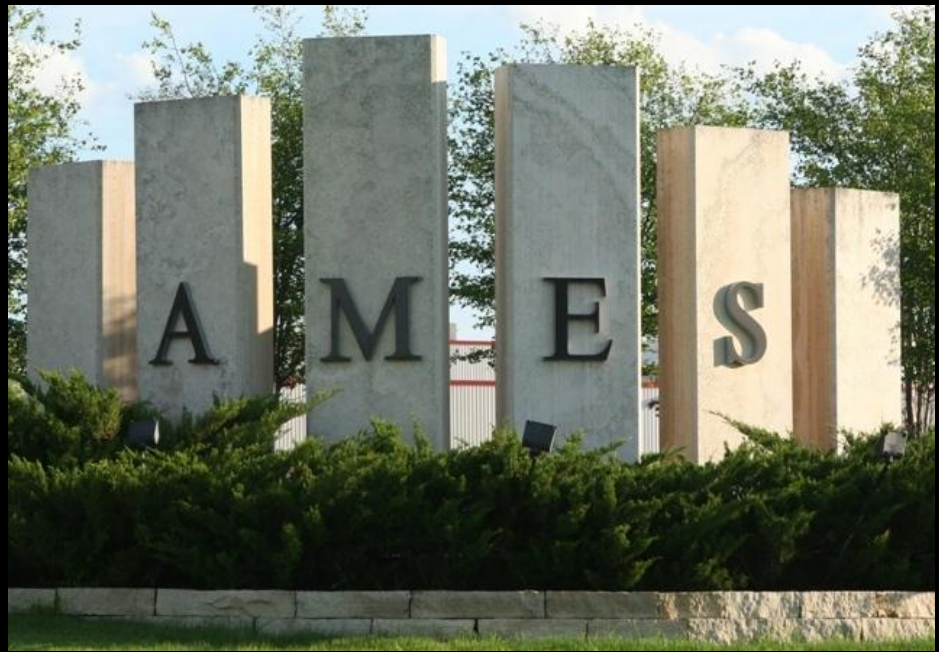
## The Mission of **FIRST**



to inspire youth to be the science and technology leaders of tomorrow by engaging them in exciting Mentor-based programs that build their skills, inspire innovation, and foster well rounded life capabilities including self confidence.



Team Neutrino is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year team from Ames, Iowa and will be attending the Greater Kansas City Regional and the Minnesota North Star Regional. The team is partnered with Iowa State University College of Engineering and the Story County 4-H program.



# Team History

Team Neutrino started with one of our students being invited to attend the FIRST Minnesota North Star Regional by her grandfather, a mentor on team #2977. After being inspired by the mission, community, and the competition, she decided it would be great to have a FIRST Robotics team in her area. She began with her school's engineering club and writing a proposal to the principal. After gaining permission, it became apparent that the team needed a coach, mentors, and funding. With the help of her mother, they applied for the JCPenney's grant for rookie teams. After contacting the regional director for this information, they connected with a student at Iowa State University looking to start a FRC team. It was a match made in heaven. The team then started having meetings before gaining students to work out the details like how the team would run and space and funding issues. After this, the team was ready to add students. They spread the news that Ames, Iowa had brought back a FIRST Robotics team. Neutrino then gained the dedicated mentors, students and coach they have today.



2012 Team Picture

After the 2012 season was over, the team's main workspace at Ames High School was disbanded so alternative plans were needed. Fortunately enough for the team, they were invited to join the Story County 4-H Program as Iowa's FIRST 4-H FRC Team! The team was excited to partner up with ISU Extension Outreach for the exciting year to come along with many more years.

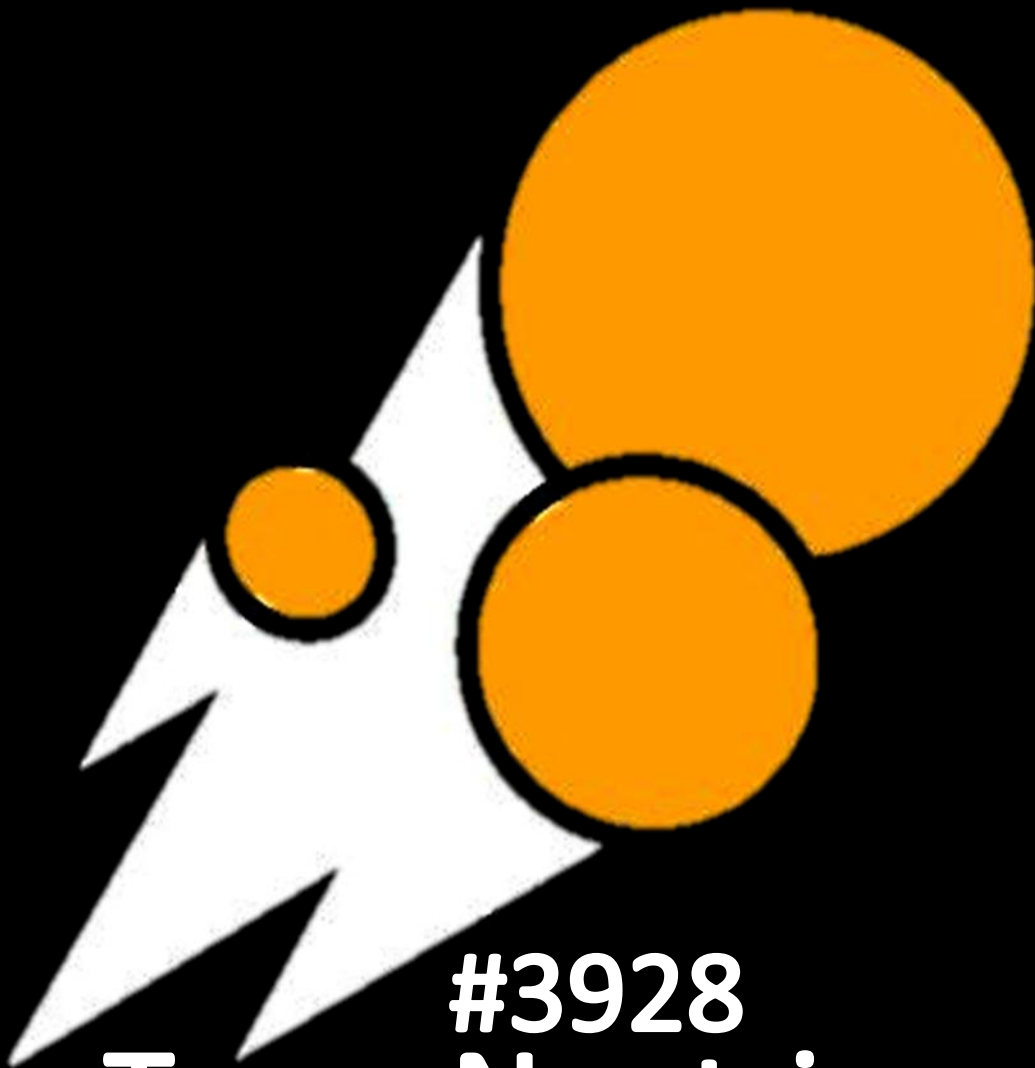
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**Build Season**

# 2013 Kickoff

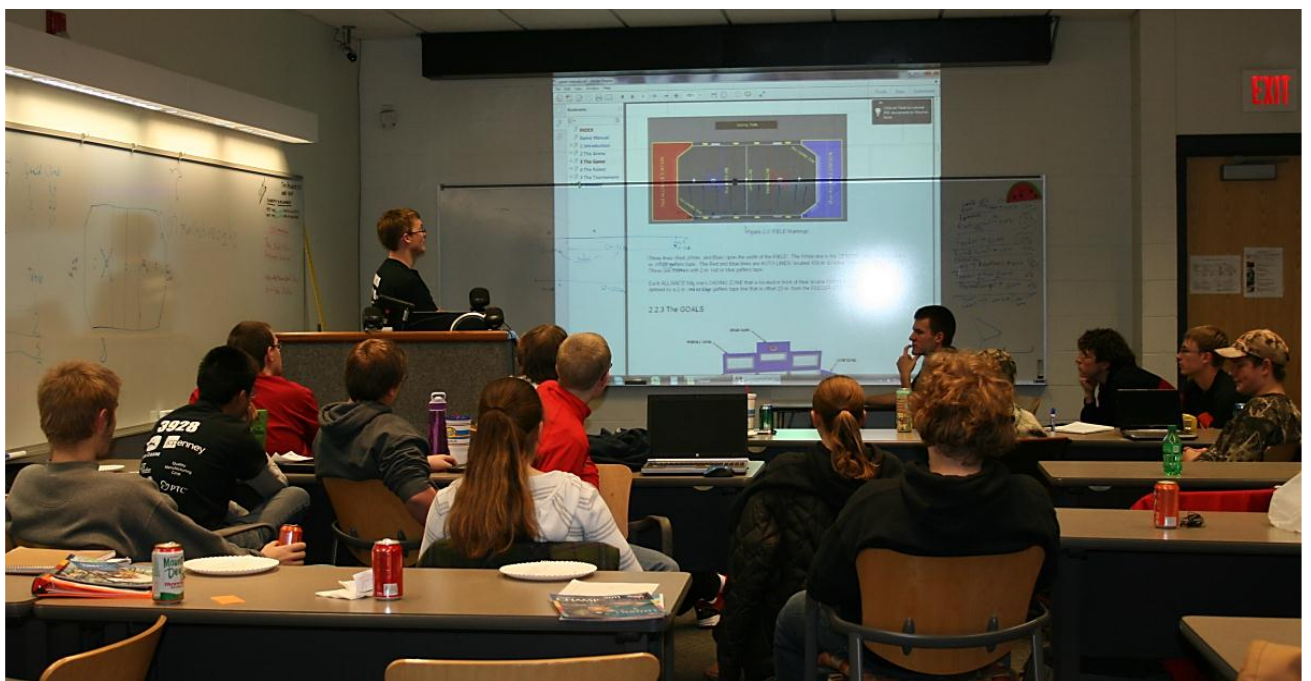


**Kickoff marks the start of the 6 week build season. The team watched the live stream from NASA then started brainstorming about how to play this year's game, Ultimate Ascent.**





An important part of each year is reading and understanding the rules. After the rules were read mentors of the team lead a team discussion to figure out the strategy for the game





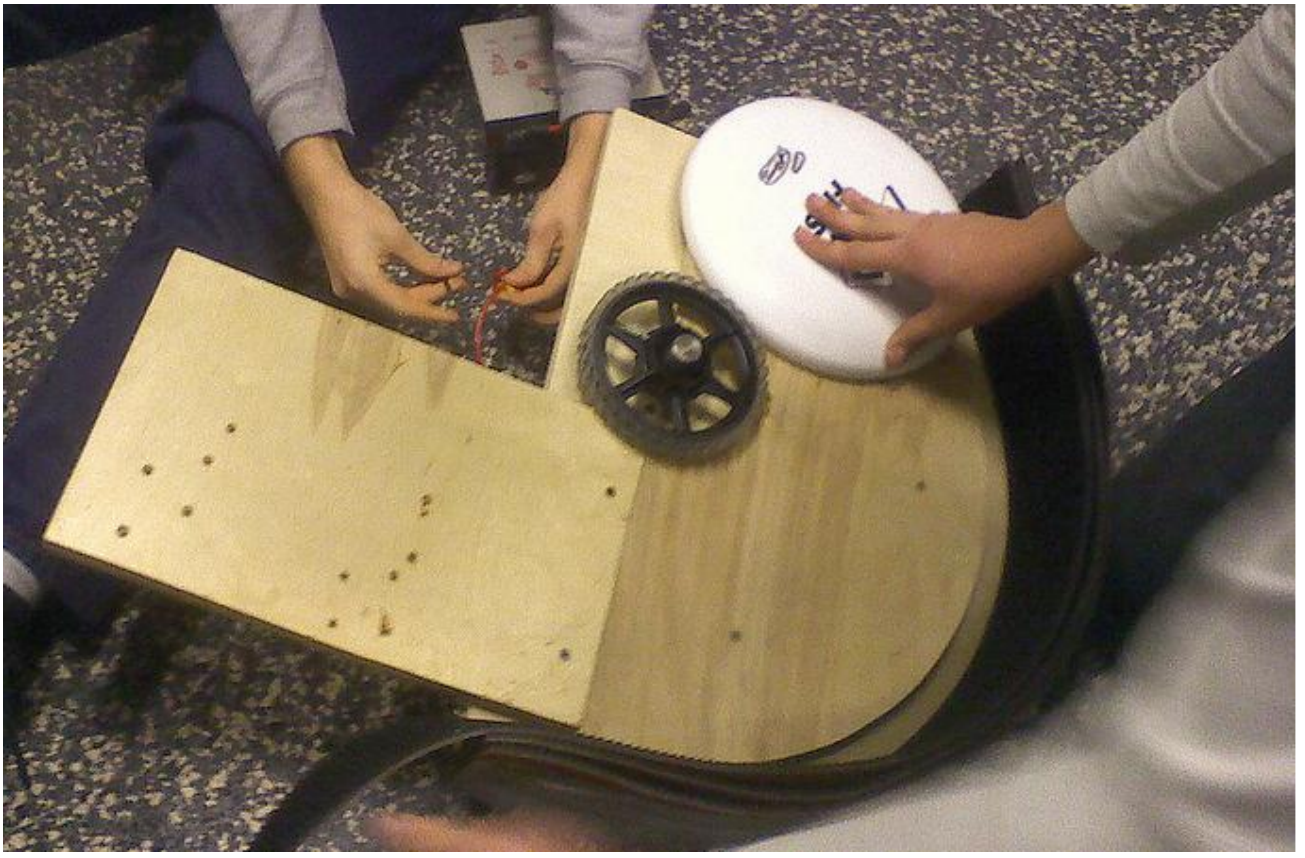
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was received  
and inventoried**



# The Pyramid



Pieces of the playing field were build to use when testing and driving the robot.



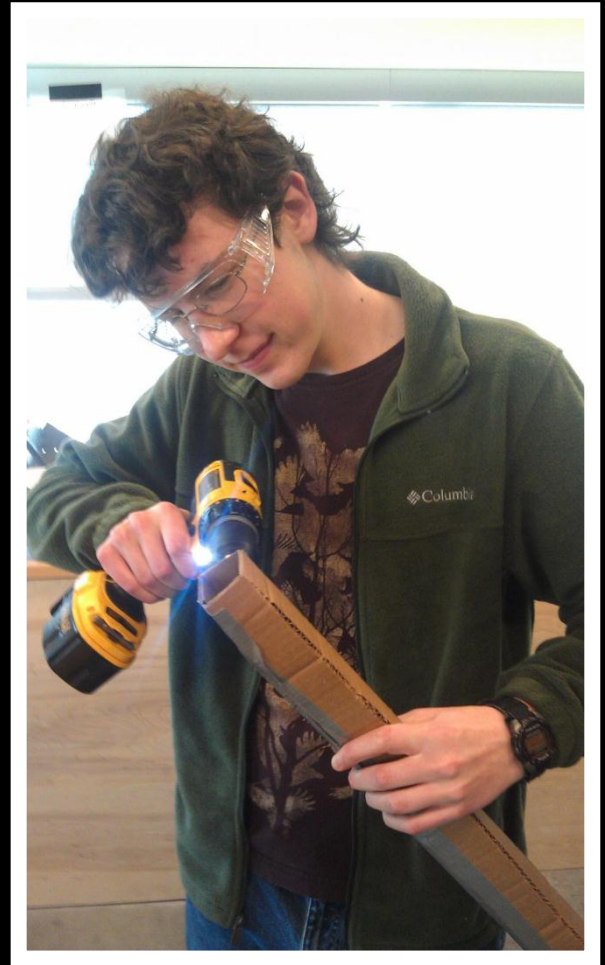
# Choosing a Shooter Type

Multiple Shooter designs were prototyped to figure out which one would launch the Frisbees the best.





After deciding on a strategy and basic concept, the robot design was drawn using a CAD program.



# Prototyping

Based on the CAD model, a cardboard prototype was built to help visualize how it would all fit together.





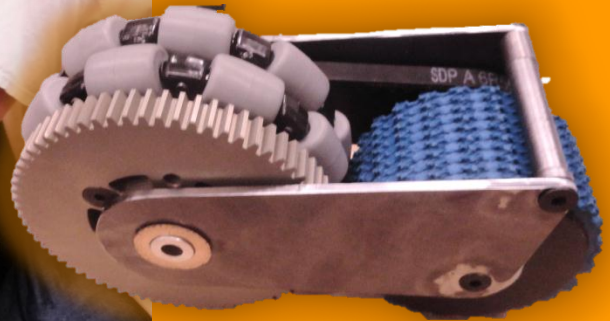
# Making Parts for the Robot



# Building the Drive Train



**2 drive trains were assembled. One was used for practice and the other was for competition.**



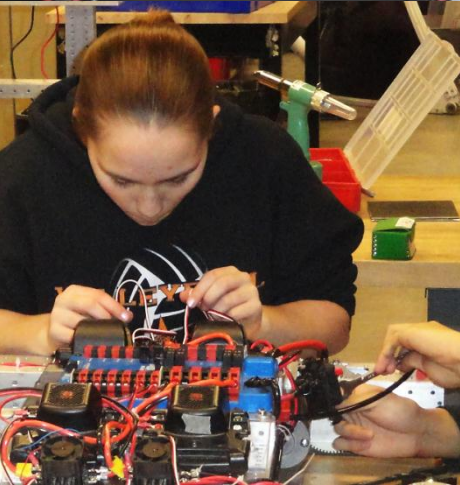
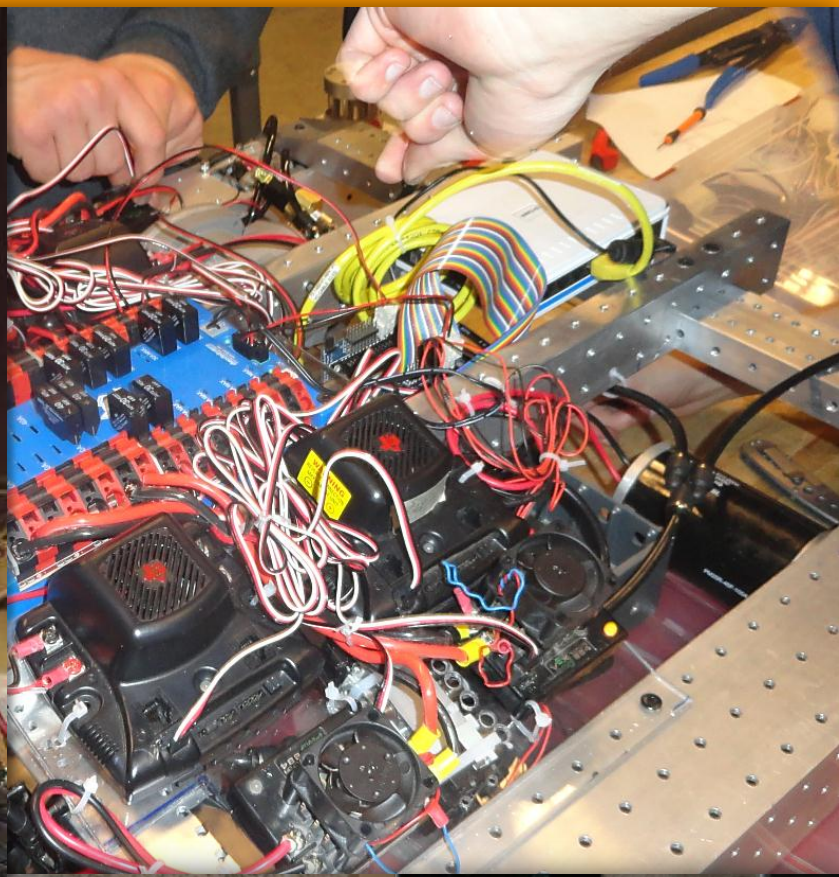




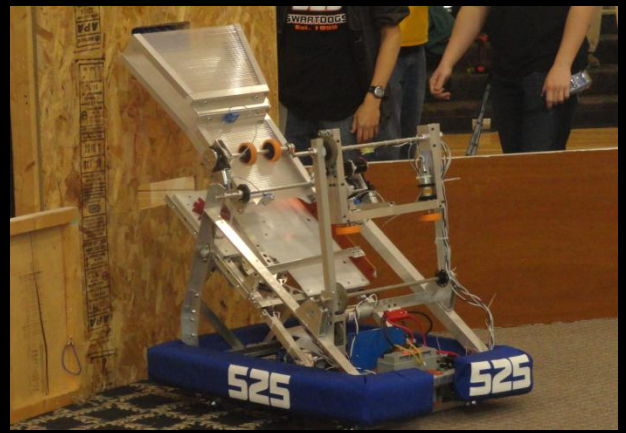
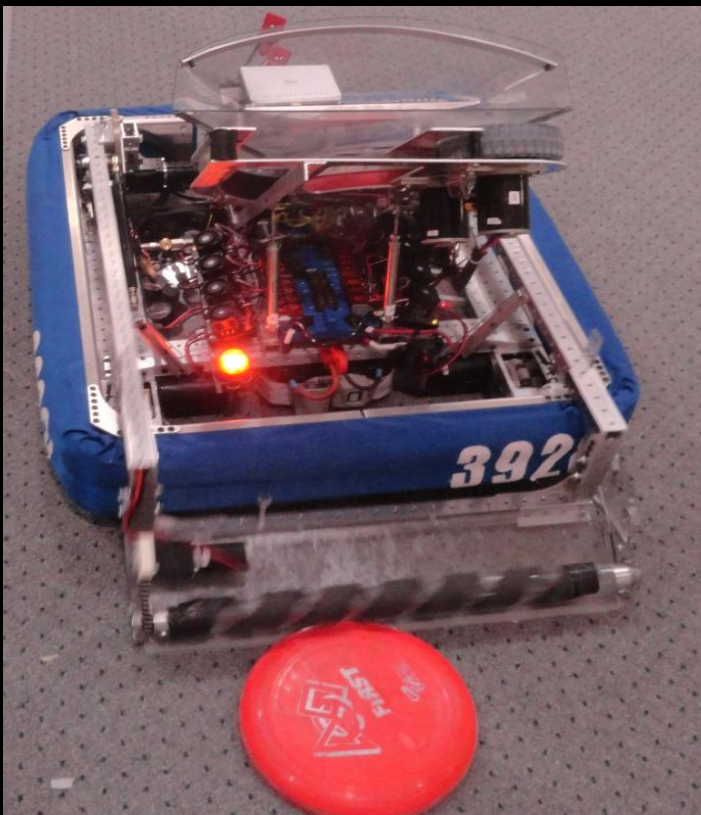
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# Building the Shooter

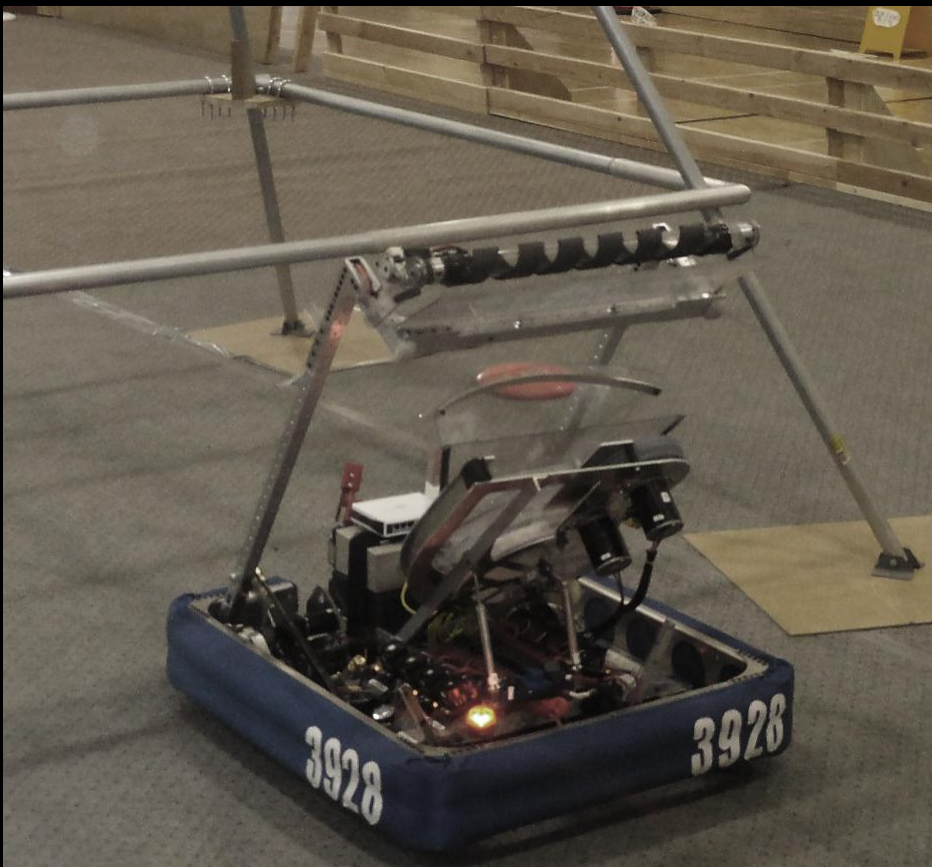




**Programming and Wiring the Robot**



# Scrimmage with Team #525



Team Neutrino went to Cedar Falls, Iowa to test out the robot and practice driving with Team #525, The SWARTDOGS

# Robot Open House

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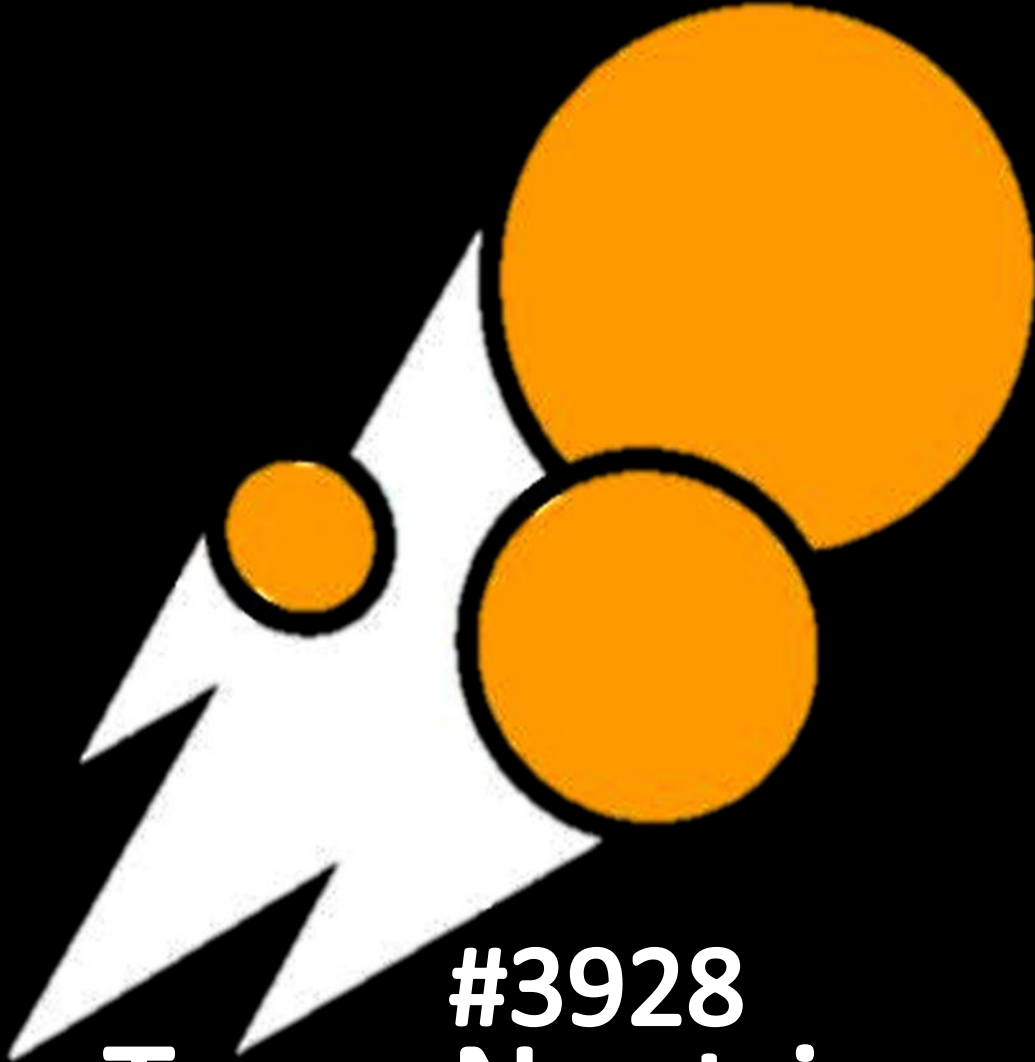
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The Team hosted a Robot Showcase to demonstrate the robot for friends and family before it went into the bag. Tours of the build space were also offered.

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**Off Season**

# Off Season

- Science Center FLL Regional
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- Nevada High School Presentation
- FLL Iowa State Championship
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# Science Center FLL Regional



On November 7<sup>th</sup> members of Team Neutrino volunteered at the Science Center of Iowa's FLL Regional.



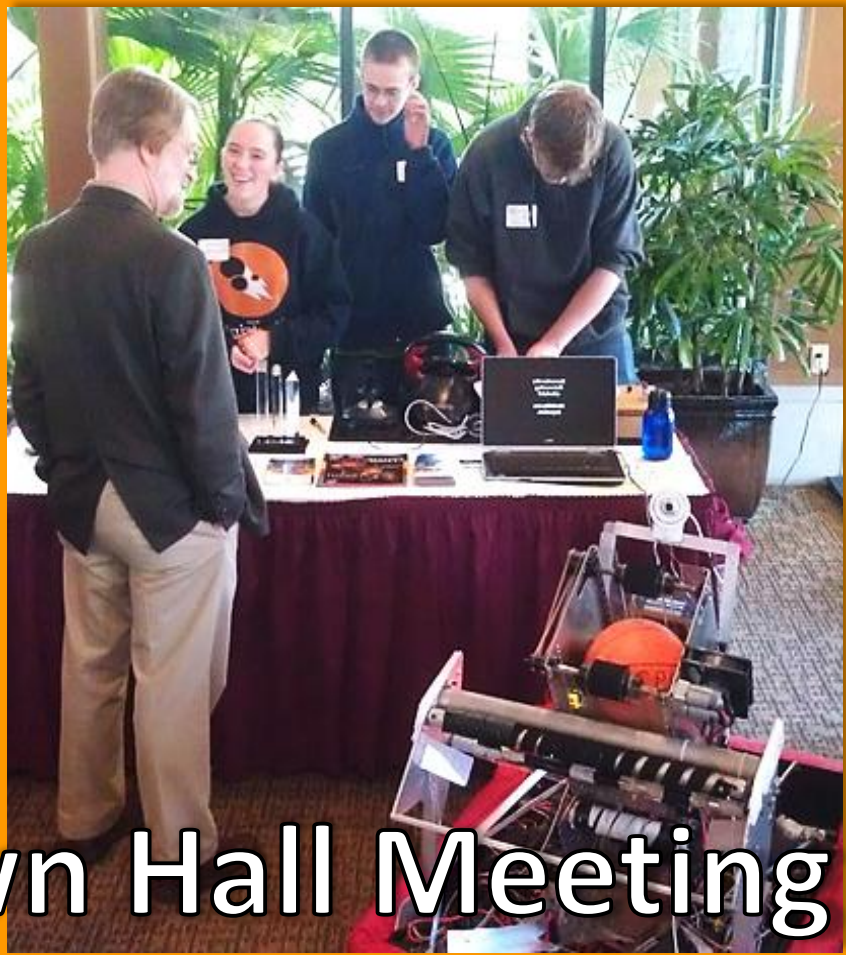


4-H Story County Community Service Project  
Members of the team built doors for the Story County  
Extension Office cabinets.

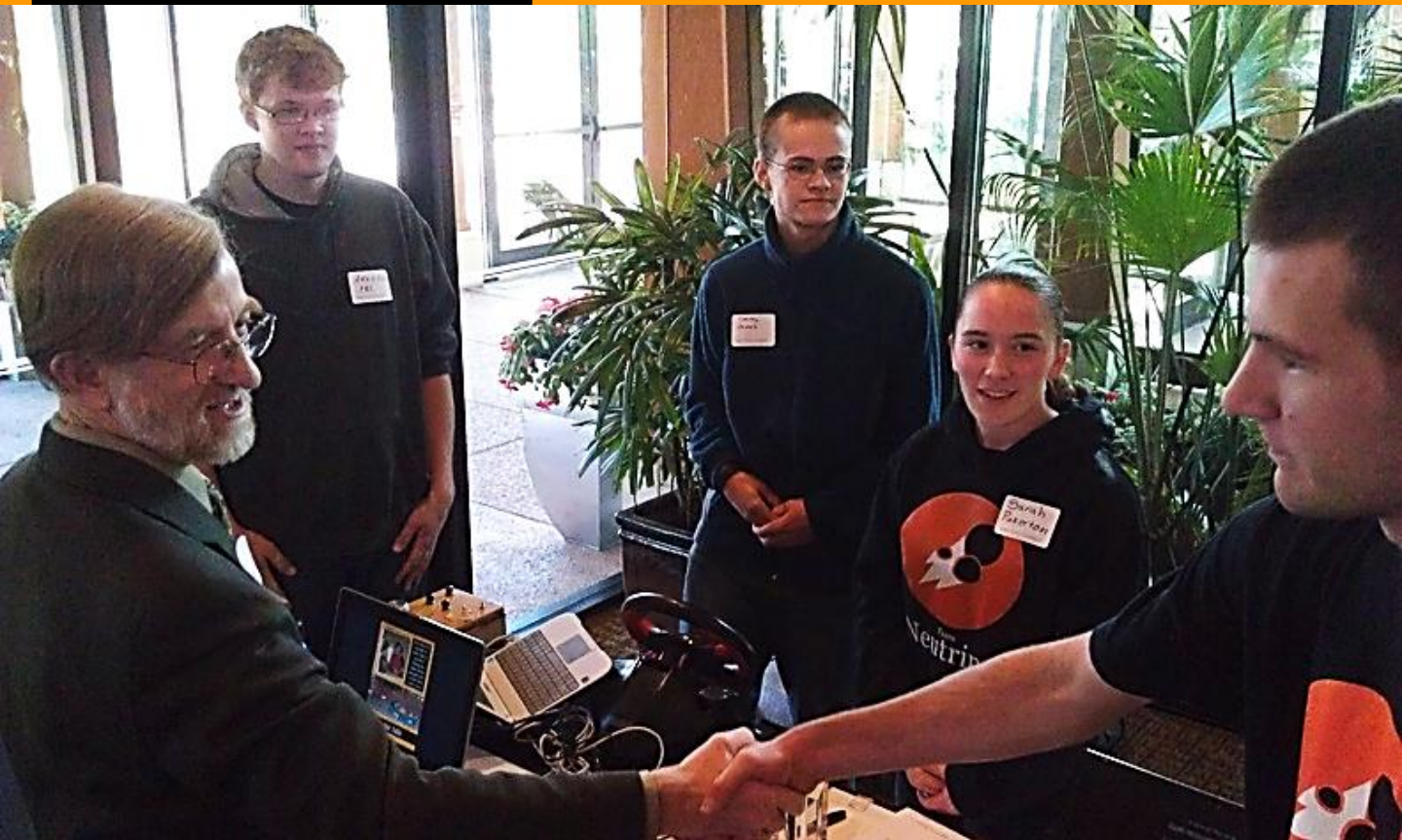




Team Neutrino was invited by the Iowa State University Extension to present the robot at the STEM town hall meeting. This led for an opportunity to talk to many Iowa State University Extension Staff members and State Representatives.



# STEM Town Hall Meeting





## Cow Town ThrowDown



# Ames Middle School FLL Presentation





# Nevada High School Presentation

The robot was demonstrated to three 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade FLL teams, one 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade FLL team, a Physical Education class, and the principal of the high school.



Check out our website for video footage of the presentation.

**FRC Team  
Neutrino**

The FIRST Robotics Competition hosts events much like the one you're at today. Team Neutrino is here to show off their robot in action for you to see!

# Iowa FLL State Championship



**Team Neutrino Demonstrated the Robot to FLL teams and visitors at the Iowa FLL State Championship, those on the team who did not help with FRC volunteered at the tournament.**



# Iowa State Fair





## Super Summer 2012

June 4-15, 2012

Opportunities for High-Ability  
Students Entering  
Grades 2-9



Ames Middle School  
3915 Mortensen Road  
Ames, IA

515-268-2400 (available June 4<sup>th</sup>)

### LEGO MINDSTORMS ROBOTICS

(COURSE 410)

Members of the class will learn to build and program robots using the LEGO Mindstorms NXT kit and software to carry out tasks on a collection of LEGO models, similar to the FIRST LEGO League robot challenges. Beginning students will learn basic programming techniques such as moving the robot forward a predictable distance. Advanced students will learn to use loops and switches to create more sophisticated programs and solve more complex challenges. Advanced students will create their own challenge course. Please note that robots may NOT stay together from one day to the next, unless other arrangements are made.

Grades 6-8

Limit 15

Class Period II - 10:15-11:45

Instructor: Dori Pinkerton, Des Moines Public Schools (Math Teacher)



# STEM Day

Today, Team Neutrino attended STEM Day at the Iowa State Capitol with part of our Ultimate Ascent robot.

We talked with state lawmakers educating them about FIRST and the benefits of FRC.

Also in attendance were our friends from Team 525 Swart Dogs and 4646 Des Moines

CoLab along with FTC Team 6420 and several FLL teams. We hope that our state

legislators recognize the importance and benefits of FRC and the other FIRST programs

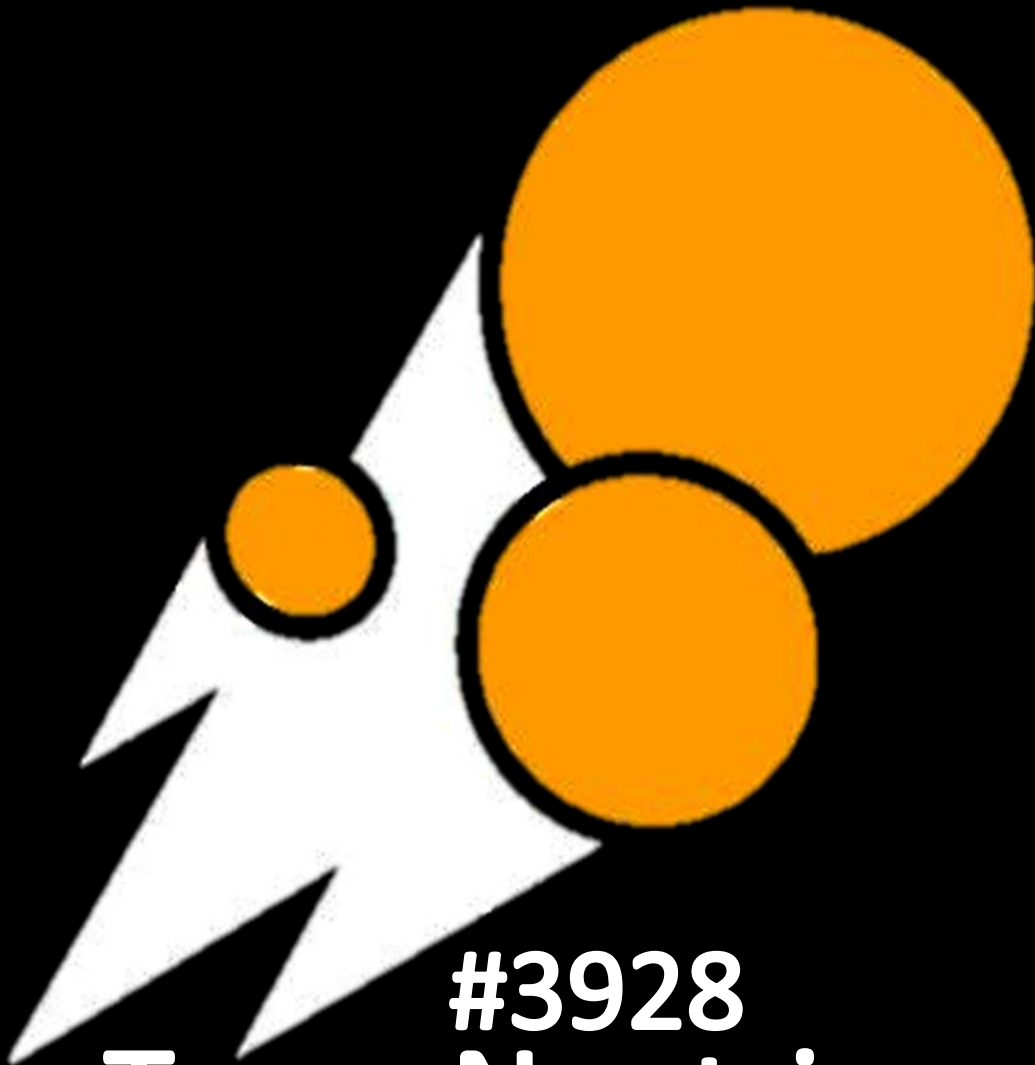
and hope they continue their support of FLL and FTC along with adding

FRC to the list of programs funded through the Iowa STEM initiative.





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# The Website



## Team Neutrino

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## Week 7 Updates: Open House and Bag & Tag Day!

Posted on February 21, 2013 by David

WOW! It's hard to believe that Bag & Tag day was yesterday Tuesday. Poof! The six week build season went by like the speed of neutrinos. I'm kind of sad that it went by that quick, but I learned so much that I look forward to sharing with my new team next year down in Missouri. As @frcproblemz tweeted yesterday "10 months, 15 days, 9 hours, 8 minutes, and 22 seconds until the 2014 build season #countdown #frcproblemz" we too are counting down to 2014! 😊

This week's update is shorter than usual, as the shop is closed until next Monday to allow students to relax and catch up on some much needed sleep.

### Sunday

Today we drove the robot around, our driver and button monkey got practice driving and shooting. In Auton, we scored a perfect 7 frisbees (of course that had to be the one time when no one was recording it). We also had human defensive bots sliding around on chairs (which was very, very fun).

### Monday

Tonight we had our open house for our parents, sponsors, and community to see the work we have been doing the past 6 weeks. We also gave tours of Boyd Lab and Mechatronics Lab to those who attended.

#### COUNTDOWN

16 Days, 20 Hours, 57 Minutes, 40 Seconds left until the Greater Kansas City Regional.

#### FIRST



#### PLATINUM + SPONSORS

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During the 2013 season Team Neutrino developed a website ([www.teamneutrino.org](http://www.teamneutrino.org)). The website offers more information about the team as well as other helpful information on areas relevant to the team.

Just a couple of the useful links offered from the site. There is also a blog about what the team is currently doing, check it out online!

## Links

Contact us if you would like a link placed here.

## Local FIRST Teams

- [Flying Monkeys FLL Team](#) – The Flying Monkeys FLL Team based out of Ames is recognized world-wide for their development of the BOB-1, a prosthetic hand device that helped a 3-year-old to write. The BOB-1 currently has a patent pending. We are lucky enough to have a former Monkey a.k.a. Monkey #2 on our team! [Click here](#) to see the ABC Nightly News story about the BOB-1.

## Other Local Clubs & Groups

- [Iowa Lego Users Group](#) – A group devoted to all things LEGO.

## STEM Links

- [The Story Behind the Science](#) is a website that profiles different types of professional scientists.

## Robots in the News

- [Cambridge University announces research centre to study the risk of robots taking over the world](#)
- [This Crazy Bass Guitar Robot Shreds Like a Total Machine](#)
- [This Robotic Water Snake is Both Graceful and Utterly Terrifying](#)
- [Watch This Adorable Horde of Intelligent Swarm Robots Play Piano](#)
- [Uncrashable Rolling Robot Takes To the Skies To Avoid Obstacles](#) - Gizmodo, 11/29/12
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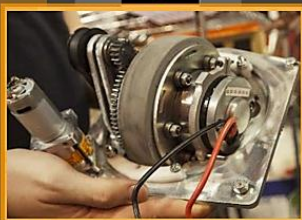
## About Team Neutrino

Team Neutrino faces the exciting challenge of building a robot to compete in FIRST Robotics Competition events. The team is composed of high school students from the Ames, Ballard, and Nevada area. Each year a new game is released in the first week of January. The students have 6 weeks to design, build, and program the robot. Students work along-side mentors to solve problems and learn about the field of engineering. Students are also responsible for marketing the team, creating a positive team image, designing a website, and fundraising. Team Neutrino students also volunteer their time to community events such as mentoring children through summer camps, providing robot demonstrations and doing community service projects.

A unique varsity Sport for the Mind™ designed to help high-school-aged young people discover how interesting and rewarding the lives of engineers and scientists can be. Throughout the FRC experience, students gain maturity, build self-confidence, learn teamwork, and gain an understanding of professionalism. They learn skills along the way that all but guarantee them extraordinary career opportunities.



The robot above was designed to play a game using basketballs. Students of the team work together to create complex systems to help the robot best complete the challenge. Below is a picture of a swerve module, which allows the robot to achieve omnidirectional motion, or motion in all directions.

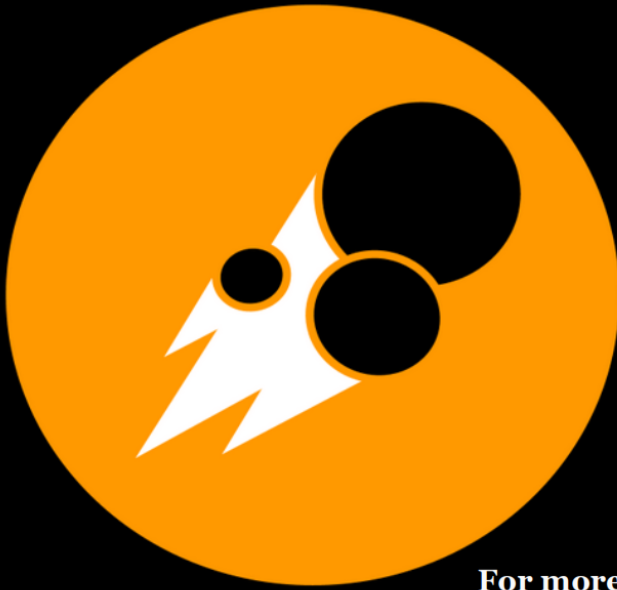


Community support and sponsorship is important to maintaining a sustainable team. Selling the FIRST Green e-watt saver LED light bulb is one of the ways the team works to raise money for registration fees, robot parts, and competitions. These light bulbs last 33 times longer and are 80% more efficient than a standard light bulb. If you are interested in these light bulbs or sponsoring Team Neutrino, visit our website.



This brochure was developed as a way to educate the community about our team, FIRST Robotics, and the Mission of FIRST.

# Business Card



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Ames, Iowa

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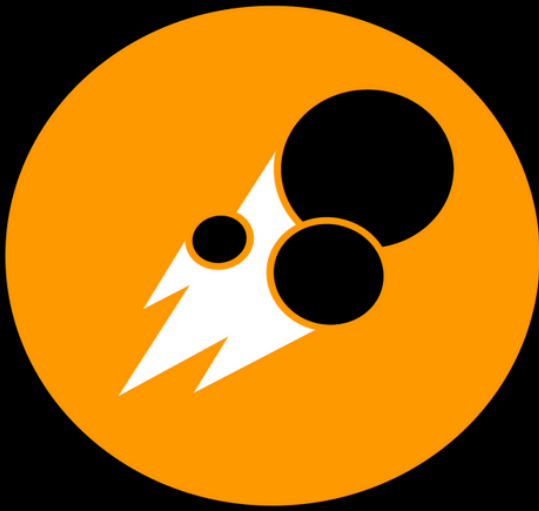
A business card was designed to direct people to the website to learn more about the team. The front has the logo, name, and number, and the back is plain white for use of writing on and other information if needed.



Buttons for the team as well as buttons for mentors of Team Neutrino were designed and made to hand out at the competitions.



# Button Design



Team  
**Neutrino**

The front of the  
Shirt remains the  
same from year to  
year, and the back  
is updated with  
the sponsors for  
each year.

**BACK**

**FRONT**

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# Sponsorship Thank You Poster



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# Sponsorship Letter



## Neutrino

FIRST Robotics Team #3928

To our business community,

I'm a student from FIRST robotics team, Team Neutrino #3928.

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Team Neutrino is a community robotics team located in Ames, IA. We are in the middle of our second season. Our team will be attending the North Star Regional in Minneapolis Minnesota and the Greater Kansas City Regional in Kansas City Missouri. The competitions are three days long. Teams that place in Regional Competitions attend the International Championship, hosted St. Louis, MO.

If we reach our goal of \$16,500, we plan on using it to cover the costs of registration (\$6500), robot parts and electronics (\$5000), and other miscellaneous costs such as travel/lodging (\$2500). We hope to qualify for the Championship Event in St. Louis, which would require us to raise even more money (\$5000 for registration).

We appreciate any contribution to the team. Not only does the team need monetary support, we are in need of marketing materials, tools, mentors, fabrication of parts for the robot, and community support. Any contribution is greatly appreciated, and to say thank you we advertise your support wherever we go through our levels of sponsorship:

Diamond (\$5000+) - Large Logo on Robot and Banner + Platinum Advantages  
Platinum (\$2500+) - Small Logo on Robot + Gold Advantages  
Gold (\$1000+) - Small Logo on Banner + Silver Advantages  
Silver (\$500+) - Logo in Pit and on Team Shirts + Bronze Advantages  
Bronze (\$250+) - Mention on Team displays + Honorable Mentions  
Honorable Mentions (50+) - Mention in Team Literature

We appreciate your time and consideration in supporting our team!  
Please respond to [neutrinofrc@gmail.com](mailto:neutrinofrc@gmail.com).

Thank you!

A letterhead was designed and used on team documents. Above is a letter used to inform businesses about sponsoring Team Neutrino.

# Open House Program



## 2013 Robot Open House Neutrino

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Above it the program that was handed out at the Robot Showcase. The names of students on the team as well as general information are on the front. The back has the current year's sponsors, pictures from the build season, and information about FIRST.