

FIRST® Tech Challenge

THE THRILL OF SPORTS AND THE EXCITEMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY!

You child has expressed interest in joining Crew 272's First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Team. FTC teams have been round the area for years, but this is a first for Fountain, Vermillion and Park counties!

We are going to be building, programming, and competing with robots. The program will be year round. Kids will get a huge jumpstart on College or be able to go straight into a programming job from high school. It takes 10,000 hours to be good at something, why not start in 7th grade, and be well on your way, even before college! The team needs kids with all kinds of interests, as the team will be improving our web site (crew272.org), producing training videos, managing a budget and projects. Tee shirts need to be designed along with mechanical arms and vision recognition software, and so much more.

This is part of Crew 272 (Crew272.org), we run SpaceJamboree.com a STEM weekend event the first weekend in August yearly (Aug 3-5 2018 in Rantoul IL). Kids that help run that event will have their FTC expenses paid. In addition to learning more skills, they will be teaching other kid what they have learned.

Our first meeting is this coming Wednesday Oct. 11th 6:30 to 9pm at Wilson Field (Between Kingman and Wallace, take SR-234 to Beaver Rd., go North on Beaver Rd. (430) to the Tee in the road (1000), the Hanger is on your right). Please come with your Daughter/Son (7th – 12th grade students), to learn more about the program, sign them up and learn about next Saturday's all day training program at Purdue.

Brian Walker and five other mentors have signed on to deliver a quality program for your child. The mentors all are Professionals in the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) fields. Brian has been working with kids in the area for 15+ years, as a Red Cross Lifeguard instructor, Crew advisor, Scoutmaster, and a couple years as an Adjunct Professor at Ivy Tech; he works as Software Engineer in Danville IL. Both of his Son's graduated from FCHS, Austin went on to Princeton University and works at Google, Ryan to Purdue and works in the Aerospace Industry (and will be one of our Mentors). Brian (PCC, NCC, and NIU) and his wife Kathy (Purdue) were non-traditional college students.

Your Child is ready to begin their First Tech Challenge journey! One hundred and twelve kids from FC, NV, and TR Jr./Sr. High's expressed interest. We are going to do our best to offer a quality program even if they all show up on Wednesday. Crew 272 First Tech Challenge Team is all about Fun, Learning, and Adventure. Perhaps it will be your child that will create the area's first startup! And when they need tech smart employees to run the startup, they will have their teammates ready to fill those jobs!



Questions?
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