



FTC INFO & TIPS!



Thank you for attending our FTC Info Night on September 3rd. Here is a recap of some important information, as well as some more tips that we've learned during our rookie year. Good luck!

-- *The Ponytail Posse*

- GENERAL INFO -

- ❖ Your first year of FTC will cost about \$1525 (if you register for only one qualifier).
 - \$1100 for Tetrax or Matrix kit, Android system, and controllers
 - \$275 for National registration
 - \$150 per FTC Qualifying Tournament (up to 2)
 - Any additional fees for branding, robot, etc. (not included in total)
- ❖ Though having school support for FTC is helpful, there are many teams who are not affiliated with a school.
- ❖ 3-15 team members makes a team, but 6-15 is ideal.
- ❖ Register your team nationally **and** in MN (opens the end of September) at www.hightechkids.org.
- ❖ Register your team for a tournament at www.hightechkids.org from **October 2nd - October 7th**.
- ❖ Qualifying tournaments are in November-January → State competition is in February (for advancing teams only)



- TOURNAMENT DAY -

- ❖ You will probably need a cart to transport your robot/other materials.
- ❖ The tournament runs from about 7AM to 5PM on a weekend day.
- ❖ Be sure to keep an eye on your team pit - judges may show up to talk to you more in detail.
- ❖ **Talk to other teams.** Make friends. Work together. Have fun!
- ❖ ALWAYS stay for the awards ceremony (even if you think your team did poorly).

- RESOURCES -

- ❖ www.hightechkids.org - High Tech Kids website (organization that runs FTC in Minnesota)
- ❖ www.usfirst.org - FIRST website (organization that runs FTC nationally)
- ❖ www.theponytailposse.com/team-resources - helpful resources we've linked on our team website
- ❖ www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc/team-resources - FIRST's FTC resource page (Game Manual, Engineering Notebook examples, etc.)

- ❖ Email us at team@theponytailposse.com
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