

Hello! We are the Ponytail Posse, a competitive robotics team. This is the fourth issue of our quarterly newsletter. You are receiving this because you have supported us in the past or you subscribed at www.theponytailposse.com.

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THE PONYTAIL EXPRESS

WHAT'S NEW & HAPPENING WITH THE PONYTAIL POSSE

SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

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WHO IS THE PONYTAIL POSSE?

Sabriyah, Nancy, Rose, Meghan, Amy, and Amelie: a 8th year robotics team. We are in our sophomore year of high school.

IT'S FUNDRAISING TIME!

With the arrival of summer, we will kick off fundraising for our 2016–2017 *FIRST* Tech Challenge season. We need YOUR help make this season a success.

There are 2 ways to donate: company sponsorship and individual donations. Contact us at team@theponytailposse.com for more information on sponsorship.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.bit.ly/ponytailposse donate to find out more about individual donations.

Please feel free to forward this email to any other people or companies who you think would be interested in learning more about us or becoming supporters!

WANT A VISIT FROM THE POSSE?

Summer is the time to visit our sponsors! This year, instead of doing demos in the fall/winter, we will be dedicating our summer to talking with companies. We're looking forward to showing you what we've created and talking about our plans for the upcoming season.

If your company is interested in a demo during summer 2016, please [CLICK HERE!](#)



(click the image above to watch a fun promotional video about the class!)

GIVING BACK – ISLAND LAKE FLL SAMPLER CLASS

As a way to get more people involved in the *FIRST* program, our team held a 3-session class at the elementary school that some of us attended. The 3rd graders were split into groups and took turns at each station. Sabriyah and Nancy were in charge of the building station, where the students were taught the engineering process and made a Rube Goldberg machine out of LEGOs (causing everyone else to be jealous). Rose and Meghan showed how to program basic tasks using Mindstorms EV3 kits, which the 3rd graders got to use to program a prebuilt robot to make its way through a maze. At another station, Amy and Amelie taught

interview, research, and presentation skills.

Favorite quote? "I wish our parents would never come!"

[CLICK HERE](#) for a blog post we wrote about the class.



PROMET OPTICS DEMO

Instead of going to the beach on our day off of school (but this is Minnesota and it was February...), we demoed our robot to one of our sponsors, [Promet Optics](#)! Not only did we get to share information on the robotics program, *FIRST*, but we also were taken on a tour of their business, which was way better than any beach.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a blog post we wrote about the demo.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Another day off of school meant a day to make pancakes for our sponsors. At our 3rd annual [Magenic](#) pancake breakfast fundraiser, we had employees lining up while we chatted with them about *FIRST* and what our team does. We also brought our robot so they could get a better idea of the kind of things we were learning. They seemed very enthusiastic about FTC and it was great to talk with them about everything from pancake preferences to STEM careers.

If your company is interested in getting a taste of our pancakes, let us know! We would love to have the opportunity to get to know you better and say thank-you in person.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a blog post we wrote about the fundraiser.



[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ ABOUT WHAT ELSE WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS SPRING!

- Island Lake science fair demo - [link](#)
- Volunteering at the FLL State Championship - [link](#)
- Roller Girls roller derby demo - [link](#)

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 6/11/16, 11:00am to 2:00pm (Roseville Library) – Ramsey County Library Summer Reading Program Kickoff*
- 6/24/16 (Maplewood Library) – Ramsey County Library Teen Tech Camp
- 8/5/16 (Roseville Library) – Ramsey County Library Teen Tech Camp

* Open to the public, contact us for details!

THROWBACK PICTURE



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Everyone who has donated their time and money to help us continue our success in *FIRST*

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