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# THE PONYTAIL EXPRESS



## WHAT'S NEW & HAPPENING WITH THE PONYTAIL POSSE

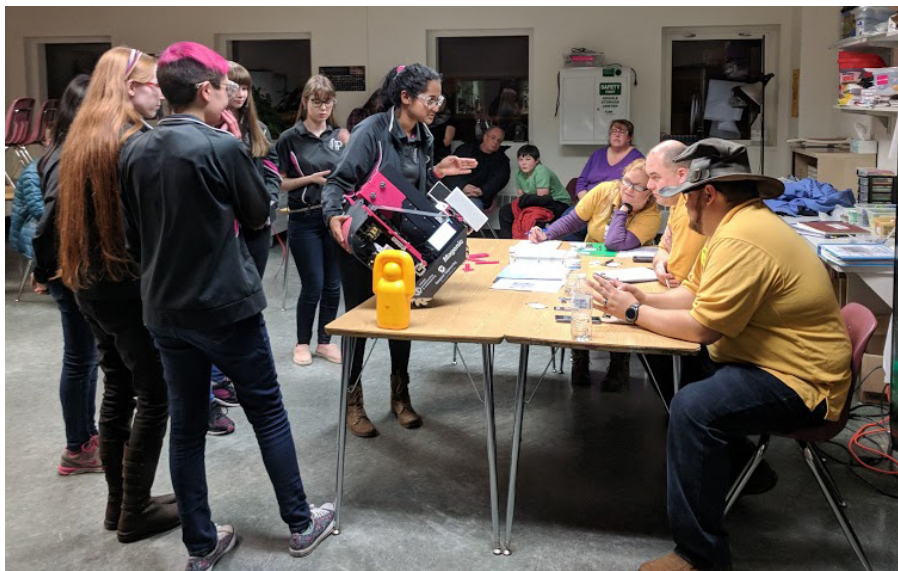
### WHO IS THE PONYTAIL POSSE?

The Posse is an all-ladies FTC team from St. Paul, Minnesota. We are in our senior year of high school and the 2017-18 season is our ninth year participating in robotics. Find out more at [www.theponytailposse.com](http://www.theponytailposse.com).



### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Last weekend was the Minnesota FTC State Championship, where we competed alongside the top 48 FTC robotics teams in the state. It took place on February 9-10 at Washington Technology Magnet School in St. Paul.



The competition consisted of a team interview on Friday evening and robot matches on Saturday. The award ceremony was Saturday evening, when we were thrilled to hear that many of our good

friends had earned awards which advanced them to the next level of competition.

**At the end of the ceremony, the first place Inspire award -- the highest honor an FTC team can receive -- was about to be announced.** There was some anticipation, and then... **"Team 8808, Ponytail Posse!"** As this was our last State Championship before graduating, there couldn't have been a better way to end our robotics career in MN.



We will be advancing to the 2018 FTC North Super Regional Championship, which will be comprised of 72 teams from all over the Midwest. It will take place in mid March in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If we place in the top third of the competition, our team will have the honor of representing Minnesota one last time at the FTC World Championship in Detroit, Michigan.

Our team couldn't exist without the support of our sponsors and friends, so **THANK YOU** for your endless enthusiasm! We can't wait to see what's in store for us the next couple of months and beyond.

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This weekend, get a free sub at Jersey Mike's in North Oaks with a minimum \$2 donation to our team! Proceeds will go toward funding our trip to the North Super Regional Championship in Iowa next month.

**We will be demonstrating our robot at the restaurant on Fri, 3–9pm; Sat, 12–9pm; and Sun, 10am–9pm.** Kids (or adults) can drive our robot and get a robot driver's license!

[Click here](#) for a digital free sub coupon. See you there!

### MAGENIC ROBOT DAY DEMO

In early January, we visited one of our sponsors, [Magenic](#), to demo at the Robot Day event. We had a great time showing our robot to visitors and explaining how it was all put together. Some of the kids who came by earned their official robot driver's license after successfully stacking cubes on top of each other.

Thanks to Magenic for their continuous support over the years!

[Click here](#) to read the demo blog post.



ABOVE: Young visitors try driving the robot

### AFTER-SCHOOL CODING CLASS DEMO

One day after school, three of us headed to Fridley to demo for an after-school 2nd grade coding class at Stevenson Elementary School. We spent about 45 minutes explaining what our team does and showing our robot to the students. We were extremely impressed by their rapt attention and in-depth questions about how the robot works; they were able to find many connections between the robot's programming and what they were learning in their class.

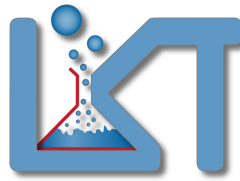
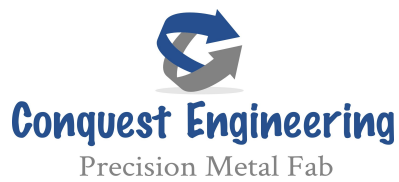
Thank you to the coding club at Stevenson Elementary School for having us!

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ABOVE: Telling the 2nd grade coders about our robot

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