

New Member Package

On-boarding Checklist

- Hello
- Meet student leaders & mentors
- Receive New Member Package
- Register in STIMS (FIRST On-line Registration)
- Sign up for Slack, Google Drive (see David Brinza or Robin Dorfman)
- Sign Student Application
- Sign Parent Agreement
- Sign Release/Hold Harmless Agreement
- Sign up for Community Rebate programs

Who We Are

FIRST Robotics Competition Team 980 ThunderBots is a 501(c)(3) public charity with the mission of inspiring young people to become science and technology leaders.

We are a competitive robotics team, with student members primarily from Burbank Unified School District.

Dedicated mentors and sponsors work with high school age students on a robotics project, encouraging growth in creativity, problem-solving, strategy, leadership, initiative and teamwork.

Team 980 is also the perfect environment to develop important non-technical skills in logistics, marketing, graphic design, communications, finance and business practices.

FIRST have over 170 confirmed scholarship providers that make available almost 900 individual scholarship opportunities with a total value of more than \$19M.

We think of FIRST as a sport-like competition where all students can become professionals!

Mission Statement

Our mission is to educate and inspire high school students to become the next generation of science and technology leaders by building a competitive robot through the guidance of professional mentors, corporate sponsors, and parents in alignment with FIRST core values.

Vision

To create a world-class, award-winning team of confident and competent student leaders, who act as a source of inspiration in science and technology.

Annual Schedule

Our year is divided into three main seasons:

Build season

January-March. Intense period of robot design, fabrication and operation following release of new game on 1st Saturday in January. We typically meet several evenings during the week and Sat from 10-4, with additional meeting times as needed.

Competition season

Late February - April, depending on results. We attend two regional competitions between late February and late March. We usually attend the Los Angeles regional, to which we commute daily, and one other competition, to which we might drive and stay in the area. [TBD: If we qualify, we will also attend World Championships in April.]

Off-season

May - December. During this time we do a variety of outreach, recruiting and educational programs. We encourage our team members to attend and be involved in these events for the benefit of the team and their own development. We also do engineering projects, such as upgrades to our existing robots for fall competition events, or design and fabrication of new robots.

[Off-season and outreach programs are contingent upon COVID or other health/safety guidelines.]

Parents

As with any other youth activity, parent participation is vital to success. In addition to getting our youth team members to meetings (not a small commitment), we rely on our parents for:

Transportation

In addition to team meetings, we need to carpool students to competitions, workshops and other events.

Food

Families take turns supplying lunch on Saturdays, and snacks during build season. We'll publish a lunch schedule - please know your week! If you can't make your assigned week, please trade with another family and let us know. We also need help organizing meals during competitions so that the mentors can remain focused on the team.

Chaperones

We might do one out-of-town competition that requires us to stay at a hotel, as well as potential travel in April for Championships. We encourage parents to accompany us, act as chaperones and help the mentors with logistics.

Community rebates

FRC Team 980 is a member of several community rebate programs, all of which give a percent back to Team 980 for every dollar you spend. This is a great way to help Team 980 without any additional out of pocket contributions from you!

Corporate Matching Fund Programs

Many companies have programs that match employee donations up to a certain amount. As a 501(c)(3) public charity, FRC Team 980 qualifies for most matching fund programs.



FUNDRAISING

EVERY FAMILY CAN DO SOMETHING!
Support Team 980 while doing your regular shopping!
No out of pocket donations!



Ralphs Community Contribution Program

% rebate on every dollar you spend at Ralphs supermarkets.

Sign up at www.Ralphs.com



Food4Less Community Rewards Program

% rebate on every dollar you spend at Food4Less.

Sign up at www.food4less.com.



eScrip

% rebate when you shop at participating merchants and online retailers.

You can earn when you shop locally or online, dine out or book travel.

Sign up at <http://www.escrip.com>, and go to <http://www.escrip.com/wheretoeam/> for a complete list of participating retailers.



AmazonSmile: shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to FRC Team 980.

Communications

As a community team, with students from so many different schools, we rely on electronic communications to coordinate meetings, transportation and other team information.

Slack

Slack is a cloud-based set of team collaboration tools and services, including group and direct messaging. We expect all students to check daily - on either a desktop or mobile app - and respond to communications from other team members. Parents are also encouraged to join Slack so they can get vital team info.

Please provide your email and status (student, parent, guest) to Robin Dorfman so you can be placed in the appropriate groups and channels in the Team 980 slack.

Google Drive

We use the FRC Team 980 Google Drive to store all shared team materials.

Please provide your email to Robin Dorfman so you can be given access to the Team 980 Google Drive.

Google Calendar

All our events are tracked in the FRC Team 980 Google Calendar. The calendar syncs to the Attendance channel on Slack.

Social Media



<http://team980.com/>



<http://www.facebook.com/Team980ThunderBots>



http://twitter.com/intent/follow?source=followbutton&variant=1.0&screen_name=frc980



<http://instagram.com/frcteam980>



<https://github.com/Team980>



<https://www.snapchat.com/add/frcteam980>



http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxW_2sc2SANjckwsFJt14AQ?sub_confirmation=1

Team 980 Awards

2022	Los Angeles Regional	FIRST Dean's List Finalist Award
2019	Aerospace Valley Regional	Woodie Flowers Finalist Award
2018	Los Angeles Regional	Woodie Flowers Finalist Award Regional Finalists Regional Chairman's Award
2017	Central Valley Regional	FIRST Dean's List Finalist Award
2017	Los Angeles Regional	Entrepreneurship Award sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers
2016	Ventura Regional	Regional Engineering Inspiration Award Woodie Flowers Finalist Award
2015	Los Angeles Regional sponsored by The Roddenberry Foundation	FIRST Dean's List Finalist Award
2014	Los Angeles Regional sponsored by The Roddenberry Foundation	Regional Finalists
2013	Los Angeles Regional sponsored by The Roddenberry Foundation	Creativity Award sponsored by Xerox Woodie Flowers Finalist Award FIRST Dean's List Finalist Award
2010	Arizona Regional	Quality Award sponsored by Motorola
2010	Los Angeles Regional	Regional Finalists
2008	Los Angeles Regional	Regional Winners
2007	Los Angeles Regional	Regional Finalists
2005	Silicon Valley Regional	Delphi "Driving Tomorrow's Technology" Award Regional Winners
2005	Arizona Regional	Xerox Creativity Award
2005	Southern California Regional	RadioShack Innovation in Control Award Regional Finalists
2004	Arizona Regional	General Motors Industrial Design Award
2004	Southern California Regional	Regional Winners Leadership in Controls Award
2003	Arizona Regional	Motorola Quality Award
2003	Southern California Regional	Xerox Creativity Award
2002	Southern California Regional	Rookie All Star Award

REGISTERING WITH FIRST

Youth Invitees

After you receive your youth team member email invite generated by the Lead Mentor of your team, follow these steps:

1. Visit www.firstinspires.org and click “Register” in the upper-right-hand corner
2. Create an account with your name, date of birth, and email address - use the email address that was associated with your invite
3. Once logged into your account dashboard, click the three-person icon located in the upper-right-hand corner by your name
4. Locate your youth team member invite and click “Accept”
5. Complete your profile information when prompted
6. After you are able to “Accept” your youth team member invite, click back to Dashboard
7. Select your “Parent/Guardian” youth tab and click “Invite Parent/Guardian”
8. Enter your parent/guardian’s full name, email address, phone number, and click “Send Invitation.” Be sure to use the same email that your parent/guardian will use to create their account or the two accounts will not link.

This will generate an email to your parent/guardian with instructions for them to electronically accept your *FIRST* Consent and Release Form.

Parent / Guardians


Parent / Guardians new to *FIRST* and registering their youth for the first time:

1. Visit www.firstinspires.org and click “Register” in the upper-right-hand corner
2. Create an account with YOUR name, date of birth, and email address (NOT your child’s information). Use the email address provided by your youth in their account or the two accounts will not link.
3. Once you are logged into your account dashboard, click the Parent/Guardian - Youth tab
4. Click the blue “Add A Youth” button
5. Enter your youth’s profile information and click the blue “Next” button
6. Enter your youth’s school information and click the blue “Next” button
7. Type in your name in the field at bottom of the form
8. Click the blue “Accept & Submit” button at the bottom of the Consent and Release Form
9. Select program and enter your youth’s team number (980) on the “Apply to Team” page.

Returning Parent / Guardians re-registering their youth:

1. Visit www.firstinspires.org and click “Log in” in the upper-right-hand corner
2. Once you are logged into your account dashboard, click the Parent/Guardian - Youth tab
3. Click the “Youth Options” drop-down next to your youth’s name and select “Youth’s Consent & Release”
4. Click anywhere on the “2022 *FIRST* Consent & Release” title to expand it.
5. Type in your name in the field
6. Click the blue “Accept & Submit” box
7. Click back to dashboard
8. Click the “Youth Options” drop-down next to your youth’s name and select “Apply to a Team”
9. Select the program and manually type in the team number.
10. Click “Apply”

To electronically accept 2022 *FIRST*® Consent and Release Form via a mobile device:

1. Visit www.firstinspires.org and click the three lines in the upper right-hand corner
2. Click “Log In” to proceed to your Dashboard
3. Click the  icon
4. Click the “X” in the upper-right-hand corner of the pop-up window
5. Locate your youth’s name and click the “Youth Options” button
6. Click “Youth’s Consent and Release”
7. Click “Click to Sign Form”
8. Read and scroll to the bottom to type in your name in the field
9. Click the “Accept & Submit” button

FIRST Robotics Competition

Team 980 ThunderBots

Student Application

Instructions:

Please complete and submit this form to a Team 980 mentor. Signatures from students and parents can be submitted on paper form or via separate e-mail to info@team980.com

All students and parents must register with *FIRST* at:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/>

Name: _____ Cell number: _____

Student E-mail address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ (≤ 12) GPA: _____

Activity Preference:

Choose the top three activities you'd most want to do by numbering your 1st choice with "1", 2nd choice with "2" & 3rd with "3:"

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ____ Robot Design (CAD) | ____ Robot Fabrication |
| ____ Robot Controls (SW) | ____ Videography/Photography |
| ____ Recruiting | ____ Community Outreach/Marketing |
| ____ Website/Social Media | ____ Team Imagery/Branding |
| ____ Business Operations | ____ Marketing/Fundraising |

Other after-school activities (including work) from September thru April:

Can you work weeknights until 9 pm in build season (Jan - Mar)? _____

(Transportation is by arrangement among parents/mentors).

How many hours per week will you commit to the team? _____

What do you expect to gain by participating in *FIRST*?

FRC Team 980 ThunderBots **STUDENT CONTRACT**

By signing below I acknowledge and agree to all of the below rules and conditions:

1. I plan on gaining active member status. This requires registration in **FIRST STIMS** and regular participation in team sessions and fund-raising programs. I will read and respond promptly to Team 980 messages. I will be responsible for recording my efforts with the team. If I am not registered as an **active member by March 1**, I agree that I will not be a participating member of Team 980 at *FRC* events.
2. I understand that I am responsible for my schoolwork. If any of my grades are below a “C-“ for the period prior to an *FRC* trip, I will not travel with the team to the event. If I don’t meet these grade requirements, I can attend the event as a spectator and cannot participate in any team activities during the event. **Parents are fully involved in this decision.**
3. I will seek assistance if my grades are low enough to keep me from traveling with the team. Team 980 mentors are willing to help!!
4. I understand I may be absent from school for **two (or more) Regional Competitions held late-Feb through early-April (locations/dates TBD). If we qualify, we’ll attend Championship in late-Apr.** I remain responsible for all tests and homework. I will stay focused on my schoolwork responsibilities.
5. I agree to safely use tools and equipment while working with Team 980 project. I respect the severity of a possible accident and agree I may be dismissed from the team if I don’t work safely. I also agree I will not use tools or other equipment until I am mentor-certified.
6. I will respect the property of **Burbank High School / NAF Academy** at our build site.
7. I will maintain an acceptable level of productivity during team activities. Distracted behavior (cell phone use), horseplay, gaming, etc. is not allowed.
8. I will conduct myself in a professional manner at all Team 980 meetings and events. I will wear appropriate attire, be respectful of Team 980 and other FRC members, and will conform with the spirit of **Gracious Professionalism**.
9. I will complete **FIRST** and **Team 980 Release and Hold Harmless** forms.
10. If I don’t follow any of the above rules, I understand that I may be dismissed from the team immediately.

Student’s Signature

Date

Parent’s Signature (If under 18 years of age, parental signature is required)

Date

Parent’s Name (printed)

Parent’s Phone

Parent’s e-mail address

Team 980 Approved

Date

FRC Team 980 ThunderBots

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

As used below, "FRC Team 980" shall mean "FRC Team 980 ThunderBots" and its officers, members, assigns, and agents (including any third party designated and approved by FRC Team 980 at any time, including, without limitation, individuals or entities involved in print, publication, television, broadcast, or video media). As used below, "Participant" shall mean any individual, student, mentor, teacher, or volunteer involved in a FRC Team 980 event. In consideration of the acceptance of my participation in any FRC Team 980 activities, and related programs, meetings or events, including travel associated with such activities (collectively, the "Events"), I agree to the following:

The undersigned being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in robotics activities and events, hereby assumes the risks of bodily injury (including, without limitation, death) and property damage, inherent in such participation. Except to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FRC Team 980 to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I hereby waive any claims or causes of action which I may now or hereafter have against FRC Team 980 arising out of my participation, and I will indemnify and hold harmless FRC Team 980 against any and all claims resulting from such participation

I hereby release FRC Team 980 and its respective successors, affiliates, licensees and assigns from all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' and other professional fees and expenses) that I may now or hereafter have against FRC Team 980 arising in connection with my participation in the Event and FRC Team 980's exercise of rights hereby granted, including without limitation, claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever.

In the event I should sustain injuries or illness while involved in an Event, I hereby authorize FRC Team 980 to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and medications I may bring as may be necessary under the circumstances, to include treatment by a physician or hospital of FRC Team 980 choice. Furthermore, I agree to use my personal medical insurance as a primary medical coverage payment if accident or injury occurs.

This Release shall be binding upon my heirs, personal representatives and assigns, and me and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Venue for any legal action arising out of or in connection with this Release shall be in Los Angeles County, California, or, if appropriate, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. This Release constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Release and supersedes any and all previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter.

I understand that this form involves a release of legal rights.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (Printed) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

For those persons under the age of eighteen (18) years: I hereby consent and agree to the above as the Parent/Legal Guardian of _____ (minor's name), in which case "I", "me" and "my" as herein shall refer to said minor.

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Print Name _____

Students only - Please provide emergency contact information (including mobile phone) and alternate contact information below:

Primary Contact Name (Printed) _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Alternate Contact Name (Printed) _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Please provide medical insurance, primary care physician, and medical/prescription information below:

Medical Insurance Carrier and Policy No. _____

Primary Care Physician _____ Phone: _____

Medical Conditions and Prescriptions: _____