



DARK MATTER

ROBOTICS TEAM, FTC 14374



Dear Sir or Madam,

Dark Matter is a community-based FIRST® Tech Challenge team of 8th-11th graders, based out of Covington/Mandeville and located in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Each year we collaborate with local leaders and businesses, such as yours, to build a robot designed to meet the challenges of a new competitive game created by FIRST. This year the theme for FTC teams is “Ultimate Goal” presented by Qualcomm. We are currently searching for local sponsors to support us in funding our competition season.

Founded in 1989, FIRST stands for “*For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*”, and was the brainchild of Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway. The purpose of FIRST is to give K-12 students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with skills such as computer programming, electrical and structural engineering. Teams then compete at multiple qualifiers in hopes to advance to their Regional Championship and then advance to the World Championship. Importantly, our Dark Matter team is more than robots. Throughout the season, our team members learn:

- Computer Programming
- Electrical Engineering
- Business Planning
- Structural Engineering
- Public Speaking
- Community Outreach &

Volunteering

Dark Matter is, historically, a highly-competitive team - even through a transition of coaches and needing a permanent build location. In the 2019-20 “Skystone” season, Dark Matter competed in four Qualifiers and advanced to the Louisiana Regional Championship. At Regionals, Dark Matter is honored to say we were selected to receive the Inspire Award - a qualification to advance to the World Championship. Unfortunately, World Championship was cancelled due to Covid-19. As the Inspire Award recipient, we strive to fulfill the Inspire Award definition:

“The team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for FIRST programs and a role model FIRST team. This team is a top contender for many other judged awards and is a gracious competitor. The Inspire Award winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism® both on and off the playing field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the Judges. Working as a unit, this team will have shown success in performing the task of designing and building a robot.”

Here is a list of our accomplishments in the 2019-20 season:

Baton Rouge Qualifier:

- Inspire Award Second Place
- Finalist Alliance
- Think Award Winner
- Connect Award Finalist
- Motivate Award Finalist
- Collins Aerospace Innovate Award Finalist

Northshore Qualifier:

- Inspire Award Winner
- Winning Alliance Captain
- Collins Aerospace Innovate Award Finalist

Louisiana Regional Championship:

- Inspire Award Winner
- Finalist Alliance
- Promote Award Winner
- Motivate Award Finalist
- Collins Aerospace Innovate Award Finalist

Dark Matter is a team of The Innovation Labs **501(c)(3) non-profit organization** (ID#84-2172526). All donors may request a receipt and your donation may be tax-deductible. Please see the attached page for our Sponsorship Levels.

Our goal is to raise \$8,000 for this season to cover registration fees, game field, parts/equipment, promotional items & more.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions about the Dark Matter Robotics Team, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is listed below.

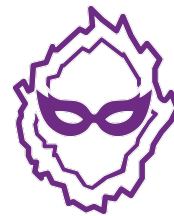
Graciously yours,



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2020-2021 Sponsorship Levels



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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Planetary Sponsor (\$50 - \$249)

- Automatic newsletter sign-up and thank you letter
- Name/logo on the team's website

Supernova Sponsor (\$250 - \$499)

- Planetary Sponsor Benefits plus...
- Special recognition on social media including Facebook and Instagram
- Name/logo on team banners
- Name/logo on back of team competition t-shirts*

Intergalactic Sponsor (\$500 - \$1499)

- Supernova Sponsor Benefits plus...
- Special recognition in the team's robot reveal video
- Special recognition in the team's pit video that runs continuously throughout Regional and World competitions
- Your name/logo positioned in a prominent location on the robot transport carrier (used to put robot on during competition to safely transport it to and from "the pit")

Universal Sponsor (\$1500 and above)

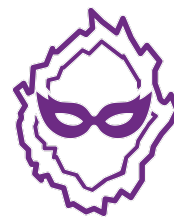
- Intergalactic Sponsor Benefits plus...
- Your name/logo prominently featured on the robot itself

Please contact us if your business would like a personalized presentation and robot demonstration to you & your selected guests at your business



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Team Sponsorship Form 2020-2021 Robotics Season

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Thank you for your support. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Our team is made possible thanks to generous sponsors like you. Your donation may be tax-deductible. Dark Matter is a team of The Innovation Labs 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID # 84-2172526).

Enclosed is my/our donation of \$_____

Please make checks payable to *Dark Matter Community Team* and mail this form to:

Tracy Rauch / Dark Matter Community Team
79464 Hands Drive, Bush, LA 70431

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Check one:

Please list my/our name on promotional materials as:

Please use my business logo. (Email high-quality logo to darkmatter14374@gmail.com)

I do not want to be recognized on promotional materials.