



Section 11: Team 1718

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We are a FIRST Robotics team from the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences (MA2S). Team 1718 is in our seventh year of existence. Our current team of 30 students is composed of a variety of students from a number of neighboring high schools: Armada, Richmond, Memphis, New Haven and Capac.



MISSION STATEMENT


Team 1718 focuses on being financially savvy, promoting science, engineering and technology in our community, and drawing students from multiple school districts to the FIRST experience. These goals are met by keeping a close eye on the team budget, giving sponsor presentations, and starting FIRST Lego League and Robotics teams in the local area. In order to ensure our business is successful, welcoming, and has a giving environment in which to learn, both at competitions and as a cooperative, the Fighting Pi donates time, money, and energy to charitable causes in hopes of strengthening bonds among team members, parents, volunteers, mentors, and sponsors.

WHAT WE DO

Team 1718 provides a unique experience to high school students. They give students a head start in learning new skills and training in science, engineering and technology fields (STEM). They prepare students for future careers not only in engineering, but in any occupation.

The team also interacts with the community. Team 1718 spreads the message of FIRST by presenting to schools of all grade levels, as well as giving presentations at children's museums, fairs, parades, and air shows. In addition, each student completes at least 15 hours of community service and donates time to community outreach activities. The team, as a whole, continually volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit and participates in the county's Adopt a Road cleanup program. In the past, the team has also raised money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and held a used book and toy drive for a battered women's shelter and Toys for Tots as well as participating in sock puppet marathons in coalition with the School Section 4-H Club.

Team 1718 volunteers for local Rotary, Lions', Lioness', and Knights of Columbus events among others. The team has set a tradition of community service and continues to search for additional areas in which to reach out and promote the merits of FIRST. In the FIRST program, our team believes that anyone can turn Pro.



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