



Hauppauge Eagle Robotics Parent Booster Club

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Robotics Team,

On behalf of the Hauppauge Eagles Robotics Parent Booster Club, I would like to welcome everyone to a new season. You should be proud that your child has joined a very unique club, which will provide them with the opportunity to learn life skills that are needed in this ever-changing world. The Robotics Club is very unique. It is funded by both the school district and the Parent Booster Club.

What does the Robotics Club do?

We are team #358 and are registered with FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). We build a robot that will compete in local, regional and national competitions. Our team consists of students, three advisors, volunteer parent mentors, engineers from the Festo Corporation (our main sponsor) and the parent booster club. We are a team and we all work together.

Our latest accomplishments include:

- First Place at the Long Island Regional (held at Hofstra University)
- Delphi "Driving Tomorrow's Technology" Award (Long Island Regional)
- Second Place at the Hartford UTC Regional (Hartford Convention Center)
- Advanced to the Playoffs at the Atlanta Nationals (Georgia Dome)

What is the Parent Booster Club?

The booster club was formed four years ago when the club started to really grow. It became quite a job for the advisors to handle the travel and fundraising while working with the club members on the robot in a short period of time. A group of parents offered to help, and we are now called the Parent Booster Club. We handle the fundraising, travel plans and assist at the competitions. We are also the cheerleaders and are there for moral support.

Why do we fundraise?

The school district provides each building with a budget for clubs. We are part of the high school's club budget, which is shared with all the clubs, honor societies, etc. The largest amount is for our team - \$30,000. This amount covers the expense of advisors, expenses for the Long Island Regional

Competition and some supplies. The entire team is covered for the Long Island Competition. We like to participate in one other regional competition as well as the nationals. Our fundraising helps to pay for participation in these events as well as supplementing travel costs.

Past Costs:

Hartford (Regional) \$400 approximately
Atlanta (Nationals) \$700 approximately

In the past, we have been able to help fund these costs due to the success of the fundraising we do all year.

What can you do?

- Volunteer to help at our fundraisers.
- Ask your company or other connections you may have to support our team. Please ask us if you would like one of our team sponsor letters or let us know if you have a prospective sponsor you'd like us to mail the letter to.
- Stay informed – we send emails with updates. If you have not received an email from us, please provide us with your email address and we will be glad to add you to the list. Also attend Parent Meetings as often as possible.
- Talk to your child and find out what is happening. You will be impressed!
- Attend the events:

Kick-off (Hauppauge High School) – January 6th
Hartford Regional Competition – March 15th-17th
Long Island Regional (Hofstra University) – March 29th –31st.
National Championship (Atlanta) – April 12th – 14th.

- Check out our website: www.team358.org. – It is updated often and is a great source of information.

We are quite proud of our club and our successes. Please be part of that success.

Best regards,

The Hauppauge Robotics Parent Booster Club

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT PARENT MEETING – Tuesday, December 5th – It is important that all families are represented there. Please RSVP to mjwhite@optonline.net (Marti White) or call Sheryl Moore at 516-635-3618.