

Robotics Level VI

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Membership Criteria: Students in grades 4 - 9 who have an interest in learning more about programming and building robots. Students must also join 4-H to participate as they help sponsor the teams. Teams are limited to 10 kids but must have at least two to participate. Ideally, the teams would have around 5 - 6 members. This year we plan to have 1 to 3 teams.

Goals: The goals of the robotics program are to foster learning about robotics and programming and how to apply that to real-life problems. The program also gives an opportunity for students to show that knowledge in a competition.

Budget: We hope to offset some of the costs for the program by looking for money from some outside sources. In the past, we have received donations from the Northome Northern Lights 4H club, Northome VFW, People in Business Care, Koochiching County Farm Bureau, and the Upper Red Lake Association.

The cost of the program will be covered in part by the local 4H Club, Northome Northern Lights 4H. The school will cover the remaining amount.

The cost of the coaches will come from Northome School. Also, we ask the school to supply a sub for a day of the regional tournament and provide transportation for the regional tournament.

If the team(s) do well, they will advance to the section tournament and possibly further to the state tournament. Both of these tournaments would require one night at a hotel for the coaches and students at the section/state tournament.

The participants were also asked to work the youth food booth at the Koochiching County Fair. Some of that money goes to support the program.

See costs listed at end of proposal. We typically have two teams so the costs would be doubled.

Planned Activities: Robotics will meet for several study sessions for practice in preparation for the competition. Practice time will be split between building/programming the robot and doing a research project. We predict about 45 practices weather permitting.

Practices: Practices will be held after school two days a week trying to accommodate all the students' schedules.

Student Participation: We have yet to sign up participants at this point. We plan to have up to three teams. This may change depending on who is involved.

Time: The time required for me as an advisor outside of the school day is as follows.

90 hours -- Practices

1 hours -- Introductory meeting

4 hours -- Coaching Meetings

14 hours -- Regional Competition

(2 Days -- Section Competition)

109 hours Total (159 hours if we compete at Sections)

Robotics expenses for one team:

Registration and Kit for one team	\$520.00 (partially covered by 4H)
Team shirts	\$ 30.00/shirt x20 = \$600 (partially covered by sponsors and robotic account)
Snacks	\$ 270.00 (about 6.00 a practice covered by parents and robotics account)
Regional Tournament	\$? Transportation to event site (covered by the school)

If able to go to sections/state: (double if a second team makes it to sections, or triple if a third team makes it to sections)(state would be the next level and costs would be the same as sending a team to the section tournament)

Registration for a team	\$ 350.00 (school pays)
up to 4 motel rooms for two nights	\$ 1000 a night (school pays)
Day for a sub	\$ 110.00 (school pays)
Mileage	\$??? (school pays)