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Build Season Week 3

Applebee's Fundraiser #2

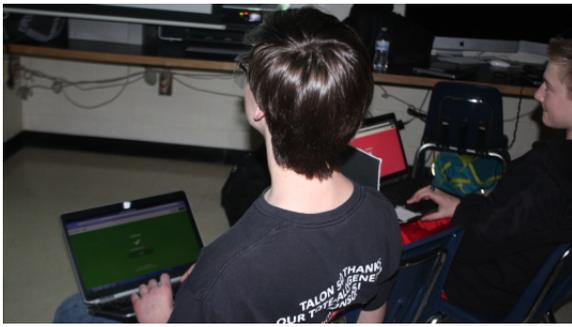
Our second successful fundraiser occurred on Saturday, January 28th at Applebee's. This event is a continuation of our first Applebee's fundraiser that occurred on December 10th. By beginning these fundraisers



to our timeline, the team has seen a significant spike in money income. At the moment we have earned about \$5,000 from both the Applebee's fundraisers. Seeing that the past event substantially increased our income, the TALON 540 team decided to continue this fundraiser as a method of earning money in order to pursue our goal of competing on the world stage in St. Louis. Our team has decided that if these fundraisers continually earn us funds, we'll consider implementing them as larger, more regular fundraisers.

A New Trailer!

We are excited announce that Team TALON 540 has just been gifted a trailer! Before becoming a main asset to the team, the trailer was owned by the band in our high school. The school's principal gave us permission to use this trailer when competing in districts and states. This trailer is important in carrying our robot and other necessary materials from and to other places. The vehicle attachment will allow for more storage and space when traveling to competitions and such. Overall, the entire team is proud to have finally gained a trailer to fulfill our transportation needs.



Drive Team

This week we held auditions for current members to have a chance to be on the drive team. Our designated drive team is a group of students that represent the team during competitions. The drive team consists of a pilot, a captain, a driver, a human player, and a button man. Currently, fifteen students applied to join the drive team. In order to select the most ideal members, our strategy subgroup looks for members who are determined, dedicated, and hardworking. After the team is finalized, they will practice controlling the bot for the rest of the season.

Summary

Week three of build season continued just as successfully. For starters, our tentative date to finish the final and prototype robot is next wednesday. Our team diligently worked in order to achieve this. Other successes of this week include our prosperous

Applebee's fundraiser and newly acquired trailer. As our team progressed with the robot, we unexpectedly faced a situation. A fire drill rang in the midst of our building process. However, proving our obedience and safety skills, our team efficiently exited the building with no havoc. Branching off of this year's game, Steamworks we finalized the design for this year's team t-shirts. This week, each of subgroups industriously worked to reach our goal of completing the robot.



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