

Team 2491 – No Mythic Robotics Team

Information for Parents

Regular Dates and Times

- Fall practices are held once a week at Great River School, Tuesdays from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.
- Winter/spring regular practices (January 8 – April) are three times a week:
 - Tuesdays 4:30 – 8:30 pm
 - Thursdays 4:30 – 8:30 pm
 - Saturdays 9:00 – 3:00 pm, or noon - 6 pm
- In addition, there are occasional weekend days, and during build season, there may be extra week night practices.
- Students are expected to attend most practice sessions and to let us know if they're not attending, so we can cover their work.

SubTeams and Meeting Types

Operations: Sponsor presentations, website, social media, logistics.

Programming: Robot code, sensors, scouting app, and more.

Build: Prototypes, designs and builds the robot, including fabrication of parts.

Money

The recommended team fee for the year is **\$250** per student, due by October 15th. Robotics is expensive – with an overall budget of around \$50,000. Student fees cover part of those expenses, and include a team t-shirt. Students attending out-of-town competitions (if we have any this year) pay an additional fee of at least \$200 per trip. All fees are sliding scale, but family contribution must be >\$0.

Make checks out to **GRS Foundation** and hand them to a mentor (preferably Toby) or use the paypal on our Donate page. <http://www.2491nomythic.com/donate>

Schedule

This year is still in flux! Check our calendar at: <http://www.2491nomythic.com/calendar>

Mailing List

Each student **MUST** have at least one parent complete the [Parents 2021-22 form](#). Additional family members are welcome to sign up as well. You'll get occasional emails from the team.

FIRST

Each student and at least one parent must be signed up with FIRST, www.firstinspires.org. Each parent **AND** student must create an account. The parent must sign two Consent and Release forms – one for the parent, and one on behalf of the student.

Team Expectations

1. **Come to robotics to do robotics**

Come with a willingness to listen, speak up, and most of all, participate. Electronics should not interfere with robotics.

2. **Let people know when you can't meet your commitments.**

For example, let us know if you'll have to miss a practice, or if you can't complete a task when you said you'd have it done.

3. **Maintain good academic standing.**

Ask for help with school work if you need it!

4. **Read team emails**

Team emails contain lots of important information and updates.

5. **Be Safe!**

And help others be safe, especially around our equipment.

6. **Practice gracious professionalism**

Help others. Be respectful. Leave things cleaner than when you found them.

Fundraising

Our largest source of income for the team is sponsors – companies or individuals who support our team as a way to impact youth and STEM.

Most of our sponsors have a direct connection to our team. Here is some guidance on the types of sponsors we're looking for, and what to do when you think you may have found one.

- **Fiscal Sponsors.**

Sponsors make tax-deductible contributions to the team from \$24.91 to \$10,000. Your employer, someone you know who owns a business, or your own family – we love it all. Once a potential sponsor is identified, we work with them to set up a time for the kids to come give a 10 minute sponsor presentation, to tell about the team and ask for support.

- **In-Kind Sponsors.**

Sponsors manufacture robot parts for us, anodize those parts, wrap our trailer, and help with t-shirts. We're looking for companies who can help us do the work we need to do, either with donations or subsidized fees.

- **Other Sponsors**

Some sponsors support their employees to volunteer with organizations like ours. Minnetronix. Medtronics. Boston Scientific. 3M. Honeywell. Some offer field trips to our students, or fundraising opportunities.

Ideas?

Contact us. Talk to Michael or Toby. Send us an email to 2491nomythic@gmail.com.