



FLAMING NEWS

From The Flaming Monkeys 4-H Club & FRC Team
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The team has returned from the World Championship excited with fresh ideas. Several mentors and members attended conference and learned about marketing, fundraising, leadership, and college applications. We had many compliments about our pit...as soon as the flame lights came on, cameras showed up. Judges and mentors liked the simplicity of our robot design. We visited many pits, talked to many teams and mentors, too. The members did a fabulous job answering judges' questions. Some completed the FEDEX challenge/scavenger hunt in hopes of earning a grant for the team. All visited the Innovation Fair and College Row. Several even went to RoboProm.

Speaking of the competition itself, we raised our average score from 61.1 in our last competition to 107.3. This placed us 59th out of 76 teams in our division. We were successful in making a can-topped 6 tote stack in 6 of 10 matches plus a small stack. We had one technical problem in the first match. Gravity wasn't kind to many teams, us included when 2 stacks toppled over.

We saw many teams and robots that we have seen on the internet who are Hall of Famers. There were teams from Australia, Israel, Mexico, Canada and more. In the end, the team should be proud of the robot that they designed; CAD'd, programmed, fabricated, modified and built in several weeks. This is truly a team effort.

We thank UTC for helping us attend the Championship. See the attached pictures.

Alas, we aren't done for the year. We will take 10 days off and return to plan the many spring and summer events including camps, R2OC and of course our first **ever** appearance on a stage at the Boone County Fair.

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