

## BHS Robotics Team Contract

The FIRST Robotics Program provides a hands-on learning experience that is impossible to achieve in the normal classroom setting. In order to keep the program strong, commitment must be demonstrated by team members and their families.

Student Understanding and Commitment:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following terms for the 2011 Robotics Competition Season:

- I will give **priority** to the robotics team over all other extra-curricular activities during the six-week build period.
- I will manage my time wisely, completing all homework assignments for all of my classes.
- If assigned to a sub-team, I will take my assignment seriously and responsibly and will be at the robotics workshop during my sub-team's scheduled time, unless excused by my mentor.
- I will be honest with myself and others with the amount of time I have available to complete a task.
- I understand that robotics is a team sport. The robot is built as a team effort, not by individuals.
- I understand that I may be replaced if I do not show up to my scheduled workshop time and the team needs to move ahead without me in order to complete the robot within the six-week build period.
- I understand that if I have two (2) unexcused absences that I will be suspended from the team until I have re-demonstrated my commitment to the robotics program. My parent will be notified of my suspension.
- I understand that if I plan on being an active member in the pit at the competition, I must commit to being on the Competition Team which has a higher level of time commitment. The Competition Team consists of the members on electrical, software, mechanical, pneumatics, safety captains, battery captains, and all of their sub-teams. Drivers must be on the Competition Team.
- I understand that as a member of the Support Team that I am welcome to come to the competition and support the robot from the stands and will only be allowed in the pit area with an escort and only for a very short period of time. Support team members include: technical writers, marketing, tool captains, website, program management, etc.

Parent Understanding and Commitment

- Parents are required to commit to a minimum of five (5) hours of volunteer time during the competition season which will continue from now through April. Volunteer opportunities include: fundraising, supervising, mentoring, award submissions, grant writing, student transportation, equipment transportation, meals, marketing, picking up parts, etc.
- Parents will need to communicate any concerns that arise in a timely manner so that the situation can be handled quickly for the benefit of the team and all parties.
- Parents must understand that students are allowed to bring homework with them and will have time to complete it during downtime (e.g. waiting for the robot.) However, the mentors have no way of knowing if a particular student has assigned homework and will not be able to monitor individual students.
- The robotics team is run completely through outside funding and all mentors are volunteers who generously give many hours of their time in support of the team each year. Competition entry fees run about \$10,000 per year and the cost to build the robot is at least \$10,000 per year for parts and tools. Miscellaneous costs bring these numbers much higher. Families need to support the robotics team through contributions which will enable the team to meet its minimum goals for 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Basic Family Level Program Support

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250.00 Gold Level Family Sponsorship (acknowledgement in robot promotional materials -print and other media)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 Platinum Level Family Sponsorship (same as Gold plus Workshop Wall of Sponsors and recognition at events)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other levels available (e.g. robot sponsorship, pit sponsorship, corporate sponsors, etc.)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_