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Greetings!

Our formal season is over but our team continues to reach out to the community and show off what we are capable of. We are extremely proud of our recent accomplishments and we enjoy showing off our new trophies and medals. We had an



awesome time at the Championship in Atlanta, Georgia. It was really fun to meet people from all over the world and compete with all of the best teams. The FIRST organization has awarded us another prestigious award which is the website excellence award. Congratulations to Alex Fischhoff for doing an incredible job with our website and being a valued member of our team!

Important Dates:

May 17--Club Elections, 1pm room 191
May 18--ASB Carnival--sell slushies in our booth
May 19-20 JPL Open House
May 21-June 1---Muscular Dystrophy spare change drive.
May 24--BV Open House--Robotics Demonstration
May 31--HM Open House--Robotics Demonstration
June 9-10--American Cancer Society Relay for Life

JPL OPEN HOUSE



This year, JPL has scheduled their open house event for May 19-20th. This is a free event that promotes Science, technology and really cool stuff. It runs from 9-5 on both days and is the only time that the public is invited into the area to view the interesting displays from JPL and other affiliates. Many of the Lab's scientists and engineers will be on hand to answer questions about how spacecraft are sent to other planets, how

scientists utilize space technologies to explore Earth and how researchers are now searching for planets beyond the solar system. Visitors will see exhibits, displays, demonstrations and presentations about new technologies, solar system exploration, spacecraft communication and much more. In the past, our robotics team had their robot on display. This is a very unique opportunity and anyone that is interested is encouraged to attend.

JPL open house information

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY



OUR MOST RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Recently, we had the opportunity to make a few presentations to our community. On April 9, 2007, We were invited to the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills and a few of our team members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Beverly Hills Hotel, showed off their awards and showed a video presentation of our program. This was a great opportunity to explain our program and we received a warm reception. In addition, on April 24th, 2007, we also made a team presentation to our School Board. We discussed our roles in the robotics program and we showed a

video montage of some of our highlights. Our robot had just returned on that same day so we were finally able to show it off to our community. On May 6th, we were invited to display our robot and distribute information about our program at El Rodeo School at their anniversary event. The response to our program was incredible. We played games with the kids who showed up and even allowed some older students to drive the robot.

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

We are very excited to announce that the BHHS Robotics Team will be displaying our robot at two upcoming events at our local schools. On May 24th we will participate in the Open House event at Beverly Vista School and on May 31st we will be at Horace Mann School for their Open House Event. We are actively trying to start some Lego League Robotics Teams for the younger students and will hand out literature encouraging the formation of new teams. Our high school students will act as mentors for the new Lego teams!

Visit our website for more information

BHEF CLASSICS FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW

This year, our entrepreneurship class headed by Eileen Kahn was heavily involved in the planning of the BHEF Classics for Charity Car Show which raises much needed funds to support our schools via an education foundation. Our team attended planning meetings and did everything from making the artwork for the event (Thanks Gav Dorian) to volunteering at the event. The event, which was held on April 15th, was a success and raised over \$50,000 for the BHEF. Some of our team members returned from Atlanta at 9:00am and went directly to work at the car show as volunteers. Congratulations on a job well done!



UPCOMING CHARITY EVENTS

Many of our team members enjoy earning community service hours by giving up their free time to help out with various causes. This May and June our team is participating in two worthwhile causes. First, we are running a Spare Change Drive for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Beginning on May 21st, team members will collect change for two weeks and hope to raise much needed money for research in order to eradicate this insidious disease. Our team is touched by the fact that one of our own team members is afflicted with the disease and we would like to make a positive contribution in his honor.

In addition, our team will also be participating in the Relay for Life on June 9-10. All funds raised during this 24 hour event go to the American Cancer Society. We hope that our community will generously support our fundraising events for these good causes.

Please keep up to date with us by visiting our award winning website and checking out our blog and our new pictures.

Join our Relay for Life Team!

MORTORQ TV



Be sure to watch out for our new episode of Mortorq TV airing soon. Episode 5 was filmed at the Atlanta Championship and is fun and entertaining! Be sure to check out our Mortorq Monkey in his first music video! Special thanks go to Matt Wunderlich and Andrew Buckley for all the time and energy it takes to produce the show. All aspects of the show are handled by our robotics team members who are learning new skills and are having a blast while doing it. Mortorq TV is also available for viewing on google video and on itunes as a free download.

Check out Mortorq TV on google video

Team 1515 appreciates all the support!



Team 1515 is grateful to be supported by so many wonderful people. Our program would not exist without the generosity of our community and our corporate sponsors. Walt Disney Imagineering, The Beverly Hilton Hotel, Mercedes-Benz of Beverly Hills, The Beverly Hills ROP program, New Pacific Realty Corporation, MOOG Aircraft Group, The Rosenblatt Family, and the BHHS PTSA are all vital to our program.

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Sincerely, TEAM 1515, BHHS ROBOTICS

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