



SWAMP THING
THE CHILDREN OF THE SWAMP

2007 National Second Place

2007 Division Winner

2007 Florida Regional Second Place

2006 National Semi Finals Division Winner

2005 Florida Regional First Place

2005 First South Carolina Regional First Place

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Dear Community Support Representative,

High school students in your community are again entering a national competition of science and technology. The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology) Robotics Competition has been endorsed by astronauts and scientists as the “Ultimate Mind Sport”, immersing students in the exciting world of science and math. Competitions have been broadcast nationally by ESPN, NASA, and on local television stations. Each year brings a new problem with new challenges for these students to overcome. This year, across the United States, 1500 plus teams have six intense weeks to conceptualize, build, and test their robot solution to the “problem”.

Right now, this year’s team is starting to plan next year’s budget support is being sought from the local community in the form of money, food, tools, and services. Money will be used to support student travel to the regional and national competitions in Orlando and Atlanta, and also to buy additional parts for the robot. It is estimated that \$33,000 will be needed this year. Because students and adult volunteers work 300 and more hours, often through mealtime, we occasionally supply meals to our team members. Tools and manufacturing/machining services are also needed to support this project.

The students of the Inlet Grove/Suncoast FIRST Robotics Team 179 would greatly appreciate any help you and your business can provide. All contributions are recognized. Please refer to the details as enclosed in this packet. Inlet Grove is a 501 (c)3, ID# 85-8013107330C-3.

Sincerely,

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