



The Flat Mountain Flyer

FIRST Robotics Team #4819 News Letter

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Team Update: by Alexandra Prewett, Riverdale, MI

It has been a very busy week for team 4819, with meetings almost every night this week. But we have made some great progress on our game strategy and robot design. Here is a recap of our week:

Saturday we got up early and headed down to Flint for the FIRST Robotics Competition kickoff. The day started off with some design pointers for us rookie teams, then we watched a presentation about FIRST and, the real reason we went, the revealing of this year's challenge! A game called Ultimate Ascent (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wa5MGEZNrf0>). After picking up our Kit of Parts (KoP), we were invited to join team 703 Phoenix for their brainstorming session. At the end of the day we packed up and headed back to Michael Engineering and took inventory of our parts and repacked everything so we would be ready to leave again first thing in the morning.

Sunday its back down to Flint for a building and design seminar put on by Team 2337 the EngiNERDs. There we learned about *how* to approach our building and design, strategy and team organization. After lunch we broke out our KoP and built our rolling chassis, it was wonderful to see everyone working together and having fun.

Monday through Thursday we had meetings every night, during those meetings we put together a list of the different things we can do to gain points during the match and narrowed down our strategy focus, asking ourselves "what do we want to do?" and then "how are we going to do it?". At last night's meeting we talked about the different materials we will need to continue building and where/how we can get those materials. Each student is to come up with a list of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) businesses that they believe would be willing to help support the team either financially or with a donation of materials. This information is to be sent to Kristen (dancinlikeafoolgirl@gmail.com).

Schedule for next weeks meetings:

Team meetings will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5 to 7pm and Saturday from 10 am to ? (no later than 5pm) Meeting will be at Michael Engineering unless otherwise indicated.

Here are some pictures from the building on Saturday

