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Dear Kahle/Austin Foundation,

This year a group of students at Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy (NPA) in Arcata will be funding and building an underwater robot to conduct research in multiple disciplines, including history and biology, as well as getting hands on experience in engineering, computer programming, and team building. NPA is a non-profit charter school, and part of the experience of this class is pulling together the money needed to conduct a research expedition.

The robot we will be building is called an OpenROV (www.openrov.com), an open source device made accessible to people on regular budgets by a McKinleyville High alum named Eric Stackpole. Mr. Stackpole will be able to drop in and share his knowledge with the students on a couple of occasions this year.

The OpenROV kit costs \$875, and the class came up with a budget including an additional \$625 to use for on board components such as a camera, above water control features, transportation, replacement parts, and unforeseen maintenance costs. In total, we are trying to raise \$1500.00 for our project.

The class has created a donation scale. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Each amount includes the perks of the previous donation levels.

- \$25- Gets your name or company mentioned in newspaper published thank you letter, as well as on our YouTube video.
- \$50- Gets you a framed and signed picture of our team with the ROV.
- \$75- Gets your company logo on the ROV
- \$500- You get the right to name the ROV (First come, first serve)

We also would gladly accept and acknowledge “in kind” donations that would help our project, just let our representative know what you are willing to offer.

Cash is accepted. Checks can be written out to NPA Parent Fund, write ‘OpenROV’ in the memo line. If by mail, they can be sent to PO Box 276, Arcata, CA., 95518.

Thank you for your time. We value the support this community has provided to NPA over the years. Keep an eye out for news about our OpenROV and check out our website, www.nparov.com!

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