Bison Robotics

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The Piqued Geek

Upcoming Events

Fri 2/5
Bison Robotics Game Night
7pm-11:30pm
Alba Bales House

Next Large Group Meeting

Thurs 2/4 – STEM 326, 6pm

Upcoming:

Student Government speaker

Voting and Final Nominations for Project Manager and Vice President

Career Center Presentation

Snowplow Competition Summary

FOOD

The Weekly Watts Up

FIRST Robotics: Duluth Competition Volunteering Information

The fee for attending the Duluth FRC Regional will be $80 per person. This will cover the hotel fee as well as waterpark passes (what superb shenanigans)! Turn in this money to Ryan Swanson by February 20th (make checks out to Ryan Swanson). Please note that you will also have to cover your dinners, although volunteers do get fed lunch at the event. If you have any questions, contact ryan.j.swanson@ndsu.edu! Be sure to start contacting your professors now!

HELP WANTED:

Bison Robotics needs someone to update the club's board in Dolve! This would be a weekly task, and creativity will be praised. If you are interested, contact kacy.mccormick@ndsu.edu!

The NASA Mining group is in need of more helping hands! To get involved, check out the next page! Programmers and non-robot-related-material team members are in demand!

Battle Bots needs additional dedicated members! Who wouldn't want to get involved with fighting robots?? You can actually say "Affirmative" when someone asks you if you fight robots in robotics.

Fundraising group:

If you are interested in helping organize fundraising events, communicating with sponsors, or writing grants, contact michael.holthaus@ndsu.edu ASAP! Also, if you know someone who currently works in a company that might want to sponsor any of Bison Robotics' projects, get in contact with Michael!

Upcoming….

The Engineering, Design, Science & Technology Career Expo is happening on February 10th! Be sure to polish up your resume and attend our next LGM for advice!

Hi, Voltage! Check this out . . .

Everyone who has spent money for the club needs to let the Treasurer know a total and line item! For this, contact jessie.lee@ndsu.edu.

Also, BE SURE TO LOG YOUR HOURS, BUILD AND VOLUNTEER. Thanks☺

Sun 1/31	Mon 2/1	Tues 2/2	Wed 2/3	Thurs 2/4	Fri 2/5	Sat 2/6
Newsletter!				LGM – STEM 326, 6pm	BR Game Night: 7:30-11pm, Alba Bales House *Email Kacy if you do not know where this is!	

Any questions? Contact Kacy McCormick at kacy.mccormick@ndsu.edu!

Project Updates:

NASA Mining Competition

Contact:
haiming.lou@ndsu.edu

The mechanical team is kicking it into gear being that the competition is coming up in mid-May already! Recruits are more than welcome! Additional programmers are needed; contact Haiming if you can help! Currently, no one is working on the social media, educational outreach to K-12 students, systems engineering paper and the slide presentation for NRMC. Someone needs to lead these projects, so if you are interested, contact someone ASAP.

Other Robotics Opportunities

Contact:
kacy.mccormick@ndsu.edu

FLL: The kids Bison Robotics members have been working with did a marvelous job at their latest tournament, with both having a functioning robot and one winning the Gracious Professionalism Award! The next competition will be in a week.

FIRST Robotics Competition Volunteering: See front page or email ryan.j.swanson@ndsu.edu.

FRC Mentoring: If you are interested in mentoring West Fargo and/or Moorehead this season for high school robotics, contact ryan.j.swanson@ndsu.edu!

Autonomous Snowplow

Contacts:
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This group had a busy weekend! Safety inspection was Friday, and the competition commenced Saturday and went through today. The group will be giving a full summary at the LGM this week! Check out THIS article in the meantime!

Battle Bots

Contact:
jordyn.t.johnson@ndsu.edu

This group is looking for additional dedicated people to add to its tech army, so check it out ASAP! If you need any more persuasion besides the name (doubtful), look at some YouTube videos of past competitions; you will not regret it. The competition will be taking place in May, 2016 in Pennsylvania.

Post-it Note
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"I get by with a little help from my friends."

– John Lennon