Are you interested in marketing, problem solving, pitching an idea, sharing creative ideas, researching a challenge, programming, or building a robot? If so, Emerson’s very first Robotics team is just for you!

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is a worldwide organization hosting the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) that introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society. FIRST is also associated with Will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas and entrepreneur Dean Kamen.

Emerson is planning to field two teams of 10 students each for our initial season and is open to students entering 4th or 5th grade. The team will meet twice weekly: Thursdays from 3-5pm and Sundays 3-6pm at Emerson School. Meetings begin on July 9th and continue through November 22nd. Meetings may extend later as the season progresses. We will be working toward the district competition that will be a full-day event on a Saturday in November; the specific date will be announced in late August.

This is a serious commitment as students must put in a minimum of 5 hours a week for the entire season. Since space is limited, all interested students are required to submit an application. Applications are due June 29th and will receive a response by July 3rd. Payment for team members is due at the July 9th introductory meeting.

**Grades:** Open to students entering 4th or 5th grade in Fall 2015  
**Meetings:** Thursdays 3-5pm and Sundays 3-6pm, July 9th through November 22nd.  
**Location:** Emerson School, 5425 Scio Church Road  
**Application Deadline:** June 29th  
**Fee:** $300, payable by check made out Emerson School, due at July 9th kickoff meeting

**Questions?**  
**Lead Mentor:** Nancy Gilby nagilby@umich.edu  
**Emerson Liaison:** Marchell Burgess mburgess@emerson-school.org

We are lucky to have members of the Saline High School Robotics team (FIRST Robotics: Saline Singularity #5066) attending the meetings and mentoring Emerson’s Robotics team. We are also looking for parents who are interested in helping. Each family will be asked to sign up for a job or two (ordering t-shirts, organizing snacks, etc.) during the season and at the competition.

**More information about FIRST and FLL:**  
http://www.firstlegoleague.org/mission/support,  
http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/fll  
A recent competition: https://www.youtube.com/user/FLLGlobal
Emerson Robotic Team Application

Student Name: ________________________________  Grade (2015-2016): ______________

Parent 1 Name: ________________________________  Cell Phone: _____________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________________

Parent 2 Name: ________________________________  Cell Phone: _____________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________________

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On a separate sheet of paper, detail your experience with robots, your current hobbies and interests and explain why you would be a great addition to our Robotics Competition Team.

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Meeting Dates (Thursdays 3-5pm, Sundays 3-5pm):

June 29th: Student application deadline

July 9: Introductory meeting for accepted students and parents at 5pm. Payment due.

July 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
August 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
No Meeting September 3 or 6
September 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27
October 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29
November 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22

full-day event on a Saturday in November; the specific date will be announced in late August

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We certify that all of the included application information is accurate. We understand that there is limited space available in the program and not all applicants will be accepted. By submitting this application, we are committing to the above meeting times for the entirety of the session.

Applicant’s Signature: ________________________________  Date: ___________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________  Date: ___________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________  Date: ___________________

Please submit completed application by **June 29, 2015** to: Marchell Burgess, Robotics Team Liaison, 5425 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103