



3100 Lightning Turtles

Regional Tournament Newsletter

Post-Regional Updates March 8-10, April 5-7

COME SEE US COMPETE AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!
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Competing at Regionals

Seven Rivers (La Crosse) April 5-7

We were 10th ranked in qualifying matches (out of 53 teams) and captained the 7th seed alliance into the quarter-finals, but were defeated by the 2nd seed alliance in a tie-breaker Best out of 3 match.



Lake Superior (Duluth) March 8-10

4th ranked in qualifying matches (out of 62 teams), and went on to captain the 3rd seed alliance into the semi-finals.



This is our best season EVER! In our 2009-2017 seasons, *The Lightning Turtles* on average, ranked 45th out of an avg 61 teams they competed against at each tournament. In 2018, we now rank 7th out of the avg 57 teams we've competed with at each tournament!

Minnesota State Championships

We're heading to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Robotics Championships on Sat, May 19 at U of MN Mariucci Arena.

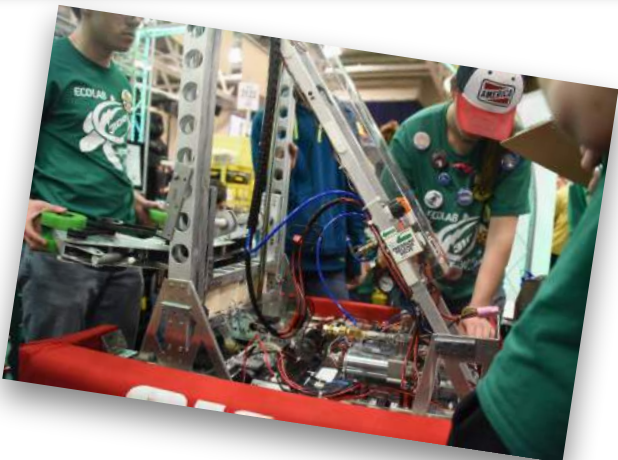
The Lightning Turtles are currently ranked 14th in the State of Minnesota (out of 215 Minnesota FRC Teams)!

Join us! Stop by Mariucci Arena at 1:30p-ish on Sat May 19 to watch our final qualifying rounds (until 3:30p) and hopefully our securing a spot in the MN State Championship Finals from 4p-5p.

DULUTH



We came in 4th with the 3rd highest seed at the Duluth regional. Making it to the Semifinals, we are very happy with how we performed!



Duluth offered a lot of learning, a lot of experience, and a lot of fun. It was a great experience for the rookie members, and while we had our high hopes before we went to the competition, little did we know that those hopes would not only be met but exceeded.

LA CROSSE



At the La Crosse Regional we came in 10th overall with the 7th highest seed, and made it to the Quarterfinals. Our robot this time around was capable of climbing and we are very pleased with its success!



Our La Crosse Regional went very well too! There was a great amount of energy and excitement at the Competition. This truly has been a great season for our team!



TEAM FUN!



Interview

With Safety Captain, *Khai*

Q1: What drew you to our team?

A1: *Team work, the excitement of competition and free learning from experienced mentors are the factors that drew me to the team.*

Q2: How did you react when you were chosen as the new safety captain?

A2: *I felt happy for getting an important role on the team to give me more goals to work hard on. I also am aware of having more responsibility and it's ok to challenge myself.*

Q3: What is your favorite thing about robotics?

A3: *Learning from the experienced mentors to gain experience. I do enjoy learning from the mentors how to interact with other people professionally in the workplace.*

Q4: What would you say you have taken from/learned from robotics?

A4: *If anyone has passion about something, go for it, but be patient and be mindful of others.*



Interview

With Rookie, *Kevin*

Q1: What got you involved in robotics?

A1: I used to be in FLL, which was a great experience, and I thought that would be similar and I was interested, so I thought I would join

Q2: What is your favorite thing to do on the team?

A2: Trying to help out

Q3: What is the most favored memory of yours while being on the team?

A3: There have been so many good moments...It's hard to choose.

Interview

With Rookie, *James*

Q1: What prompted you to join the team?

A1: I wanted to try something new, and I really like hands-on things so I thought robotics would be a good choice. (And It was!)

Q2: What are you hoping to get out of robotics?

A2: I would like to learn how to program, learning how to CAD would be really nice as well.

Q3: What is your favorite memory while being on the team?

A3: the Duluth Competition was really cool during semifinals. It was such a fun time.



Interview

With Rookie, *Quan*

Q1: What prompted you to join the team?

A1: I joined the team because my brother was in robotics when I was a freshman. I thought you had to be smart with good skills to be in it so I was hesitant to join until my sophomore year, however, neither of those were necessarily needed to join. My interest in robots since I was a kid made me want to join the team. Being able to build the robot is cool too.

Q2: What are learning goals you have for being on the team?

A2: I am hoping to learn how to make robots in general, make new friends, learn new skills, and want to be able to independently build a robot.

Q3: What is your favorite experience you've had while being on the team?

A3: Corbin and I were throwing snowballs while we were outside and he formed the biggest snowball then chased me downhill. Both of us had bare hands so it was both fun and cold.





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