

ORION HIGH SCHOOL

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The Orion High School robotics team is a member of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) which is a national 501c-3 organization whose mission is "to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators; by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills; that inspire innovation; and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self confidence, communication, and leadership." Their website is http://www.firstinspires.org.

Our team (Team 9189 - All Charged Up) competes in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) program for kids Grades 7-12. FTC gives the students an opportunity to gain engineering experience, teamwork skills, oral and written communication skills, along with fostering creative thinking in terms of design ideas. FTC also promotes the idea of "Gracious Professionalism.

Since there are annual costs to join the FTC program, purchase the competition game elements, and to purchase the supplies needed to build the robot to perform the tasks associated with the game challenge, the team is seeking corporate sponsorships. The various sponsorship levels are as follows:

\$500+ company logo on robot, team shirts, displays, and literature \$250-\$499 company name on team shirts, displays, and literature \$100-\$249 company name on team displays and literature

Besides competing in the 3 league meets and regionals during the season, the team does numerous presentations throughout the area to promote the program. Thus, your logo would be seen by many people showing support of these future engineers. Donations can be sent either to Orion High School or the FIRST organization with a notation indicating that the money is for Team 9189.

We are also looking for engineers and business leaders who would be willing to serve as mentors or advisors for the team.

If you have any questions or would like us to give a presentation, please contact us by calling the school.

Thank you for your time and consideration of support for the Orion High School robotics team.

Sincerely,

Eric Thorndyke

Team Captain, OHS Class of 2023

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