



4th Annual Rah Cha Cha Ruckus For High-School FIRST Robotics

On Saturday, November 1st at Webster Thomas High School, over 15 high-school teams will meet in an all-day event as part of the annual FIRST robotics program. The Rah Cha Cha Ruckus is now in its fourth year as an event to celebrate the beginning of the school year and the upcoming FIRST robotics build season, starting in January. The RaChaCha Ruckus is partially produced by Team 1511 (sponsored by Harris). The teams gather at the Ruckus for a sports-like scrimmage of robots from the 2008 competition as a way to further introduce the program to the public and to new students on each school's robotics team.

Now in its 14th year, the FIRST robotics competition is designed to inspire high school students and to expose them to the world of engineering and science. FIRST was founded by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Human Transporter.

FIRST operates the FIRST Robotics Competition in which teams of high school students, sponsored and assisted by local companies and volunteers, design, assemble, and test a robot capable of performing a specified task in competition with other teams. FIRST also runs the FIRST LEGO League, for children 9-14 years old, and FIRST Place, an innovative science and technology center, including a hands-on children's science museum.



Pictured Above: the robot at the "bash at the beach," another FIRST Robotics off-site event.

More information about the Rah Cha Cha Ruckus off-season event can be found on the team's web site at www.ruckus.penfieldrobotics.com.

More information about FIRST and the high-school robotics programs as well as the middle-school FIRST Lego League programs can be found at www.firstrochester.org.