



SAVE THE DATE:

12/17- Team Holiday Party @ JRD, 11-1pm

1/7- FRC Kick Off, GT Ferst Ctr. For the Arts

1/14- FLL Super Regionals @ Clarkston HS

1/20- Science Night Out @ Fernbank Science Ctr. 6-9PM

2017 LEGO Summer Camp Sign up open NOW,

<http://bit.ly/LINKSLegoCamp>



Science Night Out Sign Up Now!

Build bridges, robots and more at Spring edition of Science Night Out! Workshops run through May 5, at Fernbank Science Center. Registration is open, first session is Jan. 20. Learn more at:

<http://bit.ly/ScienceNightOut>

FLL Animal Allies



Results from FLL DeKalb Fernbank Tournament-Tucker High School

Group A:

Champion's Award: Indian Creek Technobots

Game Winner: Indian Creek ES Technobots Robot

Design Award: Kittredge Blue
Project Award: Henderson Hawks
Core Values Award: Brockett Robotics

Group B

Champion's Award: Kittredge Gold

Game Winner: Kittredge Gold

Robot Design Award: Freedom MS

Project Award: EL Bouie Firebird Robotics

Core Values Award: Hawthorne Mindcrafters

Nine teams advancing to the FLL Atlanta Super Regional Qualifier at Clarkston HS, January 14



LINKSter, **Myles M.** giving some Final programming tips at Henderson MS FLL Outreach workshop before the December competition.

South's BEST, Auburn University- GA teams from Piedmont Academy, North Cobb Christian School, Wheeler HS & North Forsyth HS represented Georgia at the 2016 South's BEST Regional Championship.

Though Georgia did not bring home any awards this time, it was an awesome experience for all of our teams. Dr. Huffman served as judge and referee. She will share valuable insight with the team for next years BEST season.



Ham for the Holidays! Buy Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards. 20% of sales will automatically go to the Fernbank LINKS robotics team. bit.ly/LINKSHam .



Expert Mentor Shares Tips on Safe Tool Use: International and state head judge for FLL Core Values, Andy Nagel, took time to help train this year's new and veteran LINKSters on safety in the shop area. An electro-mechanical engineer, Nagel has worked for companies all over the world, but calls Georgia home now. An independent contract programmer, Nagel enjoys sharing his love of building with the team. Safety always the top priority on any project.

Mentor Mentions



Kristen Weiss; Third year Biomedical Engineering student at Ga. Tech. Involved in robotics since elementary school and LINKSter alumni. It's so much fun. I love mentoring for the joy of doing!



Laraina Tomassi; Been with LINKS since beginning of the team in 2002. Dr. Huffman's "right-hand". Tomassi often helps with tournament registration and organization. She continues to help so that future generations have the same opportunity that her kids had being a part of LINKS.



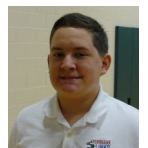
Team Spotlight



Emily B., 15, Druid Hills HS, Freshman; Friends told me how fun robotics was so I decided to get involved.



Alexa M. 15; Freshman, DeKalb School of the Arts. Introduced to robotics through brother. Loves programming and brainstorming.



Harry L., 14, Freshman, Lakeside HS. Gave me an opportunity to learn more about robotics and I like to program.



Zak G., 16, Junior, Druid Hills HS, Likes to build things with my own hands and robotics appeals to my creative side. I love being a part of the future.



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