

FIRST Robotics Competition Team 2656 VEX Robotics Competition Team 2656 Quasics: SeaPerch



Gateway High School - Monroeville, PA

Our Mission

As a team, our main goal is to encourage young people to explore the fields of science and technology. To this end, we participate in several robotics competitions that are designed to promote this goal, and to develop experience in STEM-related fields.

Our team has a group competing in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition, and two groups in the VEX Robotics Competition, as well as a SeaPerch team comprised of the members of both the *FIRST* and VEX teams. In addition to the engineering opportunities that these challenges represent, they also provide students with opportunities to:

- Pursue passions in all fields; not only those related to science and technology
- Gain hands-on experience with multi-disciplinary collaborative problem solving
- Learn how to handle real-life situations by working to short, strict deadlines, handling team finances, and taking robots from design through implementation within the guidelines of the competition
- Volunteer in their community
- Network with industry and engineering firms and companies

Team Organization

- 35 team members in 2018-2019, representing grades 9-12
- 7 adult volunteers
- 4 competition teams (FRC, VEX x2, SeaPerch)

Team Impact

- Over 80 alumni have participated in our program since 2007, many in STEM fields today
- Participated in 33 community events inspiring over 5200 visitors throughout 2018. Our outreach events include the Fireworks Festival and Freedom Fair in New Castle, the Girl Scouts "Full STEAM Ahead" camp in Greensburg, and Monroeville's Independence Day Parade as well as demonstrations at the Monroeville Public Library and Barnes & Noble.



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There are many costs associated with running the *FIRST*, VEX, and SeaPerch programs at Gateway. Our projected budget for the 2018-2019 season includes the following expenses:

Competition Registration Fees (FRC/VEX)	\$5700
Local Competition Entry Fees (VEX)	\$300
Team Uniforms (FRC/VEX)	\$600
Transportation	\$3000
Parts/Tools/Supplies/Safety	\$1500
Promotional Materials	\$750
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Total

\$11,850

In addition to monetary donations, the team welcomes in-kind donations, such as used tools, spare parts and components, metal stock, extra wire, and more.

Our program is always in need of adult mentors, especially to provide support during our activities, such as:

- Advice and guidance during prototyping efforts
- Guiding the students through the technical challenges we encounter (electrical, mechanical, and programming based)
- Project management
- Helping to plan the logistics of our events (e.g., meeting times, planning for competitions)



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As there are high costs to enter our competition, we humbly ask for support from sponsors. Depending on the level of sponsorship one wishes to reach, he or she will receive various benefits. All sponsors will also be invited to all of our competitions and our end of the year event.

Sponsor Benefit Levels

Bronze (under \$75)	 Small sponsor name on banner (displayed at outreach events & tournaments) Sponsor name on website sponsorship page Framed "Thank You" letter, signed by all club members Listing in our sponsor book at outreach events & tournaments Copies of the club newsletter Invitation to the end-of-year banquet
Silver (\$75 - \$249)	 Bronze level benefits, plus: Medium sponsor name on banner (displayed at outreach events & tournaments) Sponsor name on t-shirt
Gold (\$250 - \$499)	 Silver level benefits, plus: Large sponsor name on banner (displayed at outreach events & tournaments) Sponsor name and link on website sponsorship page Sponsor name on robot(s)
Platinum (\$500 - \$999)	 Gold level benefits, plus: Prominent sponsor name on banner (displayed at outreach events & tournaments) Sponsor name, logo, and link on website sponsorship page Team t-shirt to display
Diamond (\$1000+)	 Platinum level benefits, plus: Prominent sponsor name and logo on banner (displayed at outreach events & tournaments) Sponsor name, logo, and link on sponsorship page and logo on the front page of the club web site Prominent sponsor name on t-shirt Prominent sponsor name on robot(s)

For more information on *FIRST* robotics competitions, visit **www.firstinspires.org** For more information on VEX robotics competitions, visit **www.vexrobotics.com** For more information on SeaPerch competitions, visit **www.seaperch.org**

For more information on Quasics, visit our team's website at **www.quasics.org** And be sure to 'like' us on Facebook, and follow us Twitter and Instagram!

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