

2016-17 Parent Info Sheet for FTC Team 2845

Welcome to Team Duct Tape, a community-based *FIRST* Tech Challenge high school robotics team.

We're glad your high school student is interested in joining FTC Team 2845. To make his or her experience and that of the whole team enjoyable and productive, please read over this information sheet carefully, and all companion materials, to be fully informed about the Team and family requirements for youth participation.

First and foremost is our team philosophy of *Character FIRST! Our goal is to elevate character, teamwork, and academic and intellectual achievement above all else. We do not seek to win at all costs, but rather to give team members an enduring hands-on STEM experience that will serve them well into their futures. Putting character before competition has yielded a consistently high achieving team that reliably brings home trophies year after year, and is well regarded not just statewide but nationally.*



- 1) **To defray Team costs for the robotics kit and competition fees, each new member is asked to make a one-time contribution of \$150.** If this poses a hardship, please let us know. We won't deny membership to any student based on inability to contribute financially.
- 2) **Returning members are asked to contribute \$50 each season.**
- 3) **Please read carefully the Team Meeting information sheet, the TDT Team Handbook, and the Student/Parent/Coach agreement, with your child, and make sure you and your child have a full understanding of expectations and responsibilities of team members. A *Student/Parent/Coach agreement must be signed by students and parents each season.***
- 4) Meetings are typically held from 1pm-5pm each Saturday starting in late August through the end of the FTC season in February. Team members are expected to arrive on time, and we'll do our best to end on time.
- 5) **All potential new members are asked to attend three meetings before finalizing their commitment to Team Duct Tape.**
- 6) Team communications are conducted mainly through weekly emails which contain upcoming team meeting agendas, *FIRST* updates, outreach and educational opportunity notices and more. **Students are responsible for staying updated about team meetings and events, and **must read email updates fully, and respond appropriately when asked.**** If you or your child don't understand some of the information, please let us know!
- 7) **Please visit our team website at www.TeamDuctTape.com** to inform yourself about team history, and to read up on *FIRST* robotics, and especially *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC).
- 8) **Please make sure we have all of your contact information.**
- 9) ***Please communicate with us!!*** If you have any questions, ideas, considerations, need to change plans or can't make meetings, please let us know.

We're volunteering our time and expertise to make this robotics learning experience a fun, engaging and rewarding one for your child. In return, we ask that parents and students take the time to stay informed and be proactive in their participation with the team., so that everyone can have an enjoyable, educational and fulfilling experience.

Thank you!
Your TDT Coaches