



# CITRUS CIRCUITS

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING DATES

**CA District Sacramento District Event**  
March 20-22

**FIRST California Northern State Championship**  
April 9-12

**DYR Schools Tournaments**  
April 14  
April 21

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### HALF MOON BAY DISTRICT EVENT

From March 6 to 8, we participated in the CA District Half Moon Bay event. After 12 grueling qualification matches and five elimination matches against 26 teams from across Northern California, we finished first, with a record of 17-0 and set a new world record high score of 720 points!



As the captain of the first seed alliance, we selected Team 9740 Ctrl-Alt-Defeat, Team 7607 The Blackbirds, and Team 5760 The Marinators. Together, we advanced through the upper bracket and reached the finals, where we faced the second seed alliance captained by Team 604 Quixilver. Despite strong defensive play from the opposing alliance, we won both finals matches, ultimately winning the event.

We were also honored with the FIRST Impact Award, the most prestigious award in FIRST, celebrating our outreach programs and dedication to our community.

This was also the first competition for our rookie team, Team 1857 Citrus Sparks. After placing tenth with a record of 7-5, they were selected as the first pick of the fifth seed alliance. They won their first elimination match, but were knocked into the lower bracket by 1678. After a strong fight, they were ultimately eliminated by the seventh seed alliance with a final score of 89-164.

### SACRAMENTO DISTRICT EVENT

Our next competition will be the CA District Sacramento District Event, taking place March 20 to 23 at Pleasant Grove High School in Pleasant Grove. A total of 40 teams from around Northern California will be competing at this event, including our rookie team, 1857 Citrus Sparks, who, in the past two weeks, have been adding new mechanisms and capabilities to their robot, SPARK-EOLOGIST.

As a Menstrual Equity FIRST Ambassador, we will also provide free menstrual products, buttons, and pins at our pits to help remove barriers related to menstruation and ensure that all participants can enjoy safe and comfortable events.

### HOSTING TEAMS

This month, we had the opportunity to host Team 3257 Vortechs, Team 5274 Wolverine Robotics, and Team 5458 Digital Minds in our shop. Visiting teams were able to practice on our full-sized practice field as they prepared for upcoming competitions. It was a fantastic opportunity to share knowledge, collaborate with fellow teams, and strengthen connections within the robotics community. We look forward to competing alongside them at future events.



### ROBOCAMPS REGISTRATION

RoboCamps registration opened on March 11. These week-long camps give Kindergarten through eighth grade students the opportunity to collaborate, build, and program robots, learn about 3D printing and working with drones, and explore various STEM challenges. Camps are filling up fast, but many sessions are still open at all grade levels. There are still available spots for the following camps:



- Week 1 - Intro-Intermediate
- Week 2 - Seedlings AM
- Week 2 - Seedlings PM
- Week 3 - Seedlings AM
- Week 3 - Seedlings PM
- Week 4 - Intermediate-Advanced
- Week 4 - Sprouts PM
- Week 6 - Programming Skills
- Week 6 - Sprouts PM

For more information regarding registration visit <https://www.citruscircuits.org/robocamps.html>.

### PARENT MEALS AND SIGN UP GENIUS

We want to extend our deepest gratitude towards all the parents who generously provided meals for the team. These meals power students throughout their workday and push them to do their best work! Your support plays an essential role in helping our team succeed.