

CITRUS CIRCUITS

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

WiSE Events
January 24 (Davis)
February 7 (Vacaville)
February 21 (Davis)

Robot Reveal Night
February 28

CA District Half Moon Bay Event
March 6-8

CA District Sacramento Event
March 20-22

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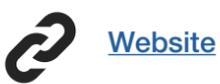
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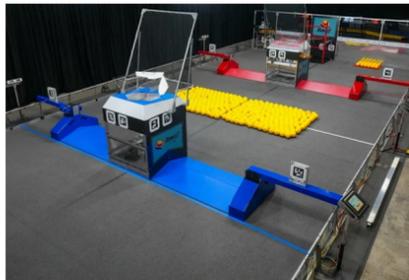
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2026 KICKOFF

On January 10, our team participated in the world-wide kickoff of the 2026 game, Rebuilt. We invited 15 other teams to Brunelle Hall to watch the reveal livestream and get their Kit of Parts for the upcoming season. After the livestream, members split into small groups to review the game manual and discuss their initial thoughts for this year's competition season. Then we began our "whats" and "hows" discussions, where we decided what our robot should be able to do and began to develop actual mechanisms and functions that the robot could use. We're excited to dig into this new season!



REBUILT



In the 2026 FIRST Robotics Competition game, Rebuilt, presented by Haas, teams will use engineering skills and re-imagine the past. Inspired by previous FRC games, two alliances of three teams each compete to earn points by scoring Fuel in their Hub and climbing their Tower. Robots can collect Fuel from the Depot or from human players in the Outpost. Human players can also throw from the

Outpost into the Hub to score points. Robots can drive over the Bump or under the Trench to enter the neutral zone where variable amounts of Fuel are stored. Alliances earn additional ranking points for meeting certain scoring thresholds and by climbing during both the autonomous and endgame periods. The game animation for Rebuilt is linked [here!](#)

THANK YOU PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all the parents who helped us build the field elements for this year's game, distributed Kit of Parts, and provided meals for our weekend meetings. All your efforts and support encourage us to do our best and help us get a great start to the new season!



ALUMNI PARTY



At our annual Alumni Party on December 27, past Citrus Circuits teammates gathered to reconnect, visit mentors, and have a good time. Alumni and current Citrus Circuits members shared a buffet-style meal while catching up with teammates. An array of past season shirts and medals were laid out on display for the alumni as keepsakes. Alumni and team members shared past stories,

watched past season recap videos, and discussed the current FRC season. We appreciate the opportunity to learn from and reconnect with our alumni!

WADPAN

On January 3, we held our annual WADPAN where team members "work all day" and "play all night." From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., subteams worked, cleaned, and organized in preparation for the 2026 season. After 5:00 p.m., students split into groups and played board games. This extended meeting prepared members for the upcoming build season, while allowing them to have a good time and build connections before starting to build this year's robot.



LOOK OUT FOR OUR BUILD BLOG!

Students and parents will be invited to view our weekly Build Blog, which documents our team's progress throughout the build season as we prepare for this year's game, Rebuilt. An email will be sent at the end of each week with a password to access the 2026 Build Blog page on our website.