



# CITRUS CIRCUITS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Health and Safety Meeting  
December 14


Last DYR Tournament  
December 17

WADPAN  
January 4


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## INTRODUCING THE COMPASS ALLIANCE

Citrus Circuits and nine other FRC teams have formed an international collaborative initiative to help other FRC teams around the world to find access to resources. To start, a public website was launched December 8 and a Youtube channel with tutorials to help guide other teams will be up soon. They will be answering any questions on the website after Friday and during build season. Lead mentor, Mike Corsetto said, "The Compass Alliance provides a central hub of resources, documentation, and support for new and growing FIRST Robotics Competition Teams. Students can learn from a growing archive of the best teaching resources in FRC, or get immediate help from the FIRST Helps Now 24/7 Call Center."

## THE REGIONAL SCHEDULE FOR 2018

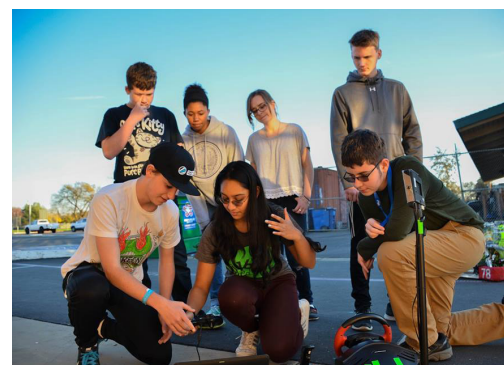
Citrus Circuits has finalized the dates of the regionals we will be attending. The first regional will be held in West Valley City, Utah, on March 3. During week 4, March 21-24, Citrus Circuits will be competing at the Sacramento Regional held at the UC Davis ARC Pavilion. This will be a great opportunity for any team member to bring their family and cheer for the team. The last regional Citrus Circuits will be attending is the Central Valley Regional in Fresno on April 5-8.

## THROWBACK TO 2013

To get ready for the 2018 season, a mock kick-off meeting was held on December 7 in M-1. A live-stream was shown to the entire team, showing a game reveal from the 2013 FRC game, Ultimate Ascent. During the meeting, team members reviewed 2013 footage and game rules, including kick-off details and the brainstorming process (courtesy of the team mentors). Also, rookie team 7229 Electric Eagles from El Camino Fundamental High School, formed with the help of Citrus Circuits, attended the mock kick-off meeting.

## A SUCCESSFUL DAVIS YOUTH ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT

The second Davis Youth Robotics Tournament was hosted by Citrus Circuits on November 18 at Davis Senior High School. A total of 24 teams from schools in grades 4-8 showed up to play the 2017 VEX IQ game, Ringmaster. At the end of the event, awards were handed out to teams who showed exceptional achievements in design, sportsmanship, research, and other technical skills. Winners of the Teamwork challenge, the Robotinators and the Marvelous Megabots, who were also the winner of the excellence award, have the opportunity of moving on to the State Championships. The final Davis Youth Robotics Tournament will be hosted by Citrus Circuits in December.



## CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE DAVIS ROBOTICS FOUNDATION FOR 2017

If you are looking for a year-end opportunity for a charitable donation, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Davis Robotics Foundation. In addition to supporting Citrus Circuits, the Foundation also helps fund Davis Youth Robotics programs, many STEM outreach activities, and supports other FRC teams in the area. The Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) and all contributions are fully tax deductible. Visit the Citrus Circuits web site under "Support Us" for more information. Contributions can be mailed to Davis Robotics Foundation at PO Box 577, Davis, CA 95617.

## CITRUS CIRCUITS IS POWERING UP FOR THE 2018 GAME

Citrus Circuits is very excited to start participating in next year's FRC game, Power Up. While FRC has not released many details, they did publish a teaser trailer on September 14 that showed an old arcade game, a pixelated FIRST logo, and a pixelated human avatar. The game will be released on January 6, and team members are looking forward to beginning the 2018 season.

## YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING HELPS SUPPORT CITRUS CIRCUITS

If you are doing your online holiday shopping through Amazon, as many of us do, you can also support Citrus Circuits! Davis Robotics Foundation has now joined Amazon Smile, a fantastic program that donates 0.5% of your purchases on Amazon to non-profit organizations. Amazon Smile is the exact same shopping experience as Amazon, and comes at no extra cost. All you have to do is go to AmazonSmile.com, type in Davis Robotics Foundation, click select, and your purchases will immediately start benefiting Citrus Circuits.