

Greetings Team Director,

My name is Gregory Perkins. I am the Director of First Appalachian Robotics. We are a Virginia registered 501-c(3) nonprofit organization for the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team 7090.

FTC Team 7090 - First Appalachian Robotics is a community- based team. We welcome eligible students in the Tri-Cities area of Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee regardless of school affiliation. We currently have three members; one from Bristol Va attending John Battle High School, one from Bristol Tn who is homeschooled, and one from Bluff City who was formerly homeschooled and now attends University High at ETSU.

For the 2017-2018 competition season we were the only FTC registered team in the Tri-Cities area. We see FTC as a wonderful opportunity for students to continue learning many skills that will be helpful in school, career and life.

Our team has a website and a Facebook page which can be found at these links:

<http://www.firstappalachianrobotics.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstAppalachianRobotics>

Recently First Appalachian Robotics Team 7090 has had an article published in several area media outlets. Here are links to the online versions:

http://www.heraldcourier.com/community/community_news/bristol-s-first-appalachian-robotics-awarded-motivate-award-at-january/article_47baa4e2-02c6-11e8-b031-3b3d9cddb2f2.html

<https://theloferonline.com/2018/01/23/bristols-first-appalachian-robotics-first-tech-challenge-team-awarded-motivate-award/>

<http://www.gotricities.com/bristols-first-appalachian-robotics-awarded-motivate-award/>

We, as an organization and a team, would like to extend an invitation to you and your members to interact with our members and get information about FTC and our team. We have scheduled an open house on Thursday May 31st from 5-8 pm and on Saturday June 9 from 2-5 pm. If someone is interested in the team and cannot make it to one of these times, please contact me at gperkins@firstappalachianrobotics.org to arrange a time they can come to our meeting location during a regular meeting.

Thank you,

Gregory Perkins

Director, First Appalachian Robotics