

# Cortex Crew News

Hello parents!

Our first Tournament has come and gone, and the kids had a blast. Already they are buzzing with ideas for the next tournament. It's amazing to watch as our Bulldogs take what they learned and use it to strengthen their robots! This month's newsletter has details about our second tournament as well as news from around Bogle Robotics.



## Upcoming Tournaments: Microchip

- **Date:** December 7, 2019
- **Start Time:** 7:30 am
- **Location:** Microchip Technology  
2355 W. Chandler Blvd  
Chandler AZ, 85224

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Tournament:

I am currently eyeing a third tournament on February 8th. However, we have used up our Early Bird registration, and regular registration doesn't open until the end of December. As soon as it opens I will register our team if there are still open spots. If we get into the tournament, I will let the students know and include it in our January newsletter. Please mark it on your calendars just in case. 😊

## Microchip Tournament Details

7:30	Doors open, registration open, (sign release forms, then pits open)
8:00 -> 9:45	Inspection
8:30 -> 9:30	Practice and Skills open after passing inspection
9:30 -> 10:00	Drivers Meeting - Opening Ceremonies
10:00 -> 12:00	Qualifications, skills challenges and Robot Design Judging
12:00 -> 1:00	Lunch
1:00 -> 2:45	Qualifications, skills challenges, and judging continues
3:00 -> 3:30	Alliance Selection
3:30 -> 4:30	Eliminations - Finals
4:30 -> 5:00	Closing Ceremonies/Awards
5:00 until done...	Please help to clean up if you can!

- Students should be at the tournament as close to 7:30 as possible. Parents, you are welcome to bring your child and stay to watch, or drop your child off. If you aren't staying, please make sure to sign your child in.

- **I will be waiting at our pit tables. As soon as**

**we have 2 or more students, we will start retrieving our robots and robotics supplies from my car. Students, if I am not in the gym when you arrive, please find our pit table, sign in, and wait for me at the table. 😊**

- Last year Microchip did provide pizza for lunch. However, I haven't heard anything about this year. For now, plan to bring a lunch. I'll notify you via Remind if Microchip decides to provide lunch again this year.
- **Students, you are allowed to have phones for communication with your parents and to take pictures. However, please limit video games, watching videos, etc. to the times we are at lunch.**
- Parents, if you plan to return just in time to watch your child compete, please be aware matches will often run a bit early. We will get a schedule of when each team has made it through inspection. I'll send out the schedule via remind once it's released on the Tournament day.
- Please sign the participant release form. It is required by Microchip to enter their building.

# Towers or Goal Zones? What's your focus?

"Towers because you can use your tower mechanisms to 'accidentally' flip over the other team's robots."

"A single cube in a tower has the potential to double your entire alliances points, and the ability to score in towers can get you powerful alliances."

"Do I have to give a quote?"

"While goal zones are easier to score, even with something as simple as a push-bot, towers increase the value of the cubes which are put into the goal zones."

Goal zones are better because if you were to put a cube in a tower then it will not count as a point, however putting a cube in goal zones can actually help your score.

"Goal zones are more important because you and your allies can share points."



We will be using the remind app as tournament season continues. Remind will be used to send out messages about things like tournament parking, where our pit table is located, etc.

If you haven't joined Remind, please sign up using the class code:  
**@efk6be**

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