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Battling Robots are returning to MVCTC

Clayton, Ohio -- Ohio Robotics will hold the Spring Xtreme BOTS Competition on Saturday, March 23, at Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC), 6800 Hoke Road in Clayton, OH. This event is free and open to the public.

The Xtreme BOTS competition pairs student teams with local manufacturing companies who provide the necessary sponsorship, materials and technical assistance to build a competitive, remote-control 15-pound robot. Individual teams' creations then face off in one-to-one competition with the goal of disabling competitors' handiwork.

"Bots is an exciting way to involve kids in manufacturing and engineering because it encourages creativity and introduces them to the skills so critical to our field," said Jerry Kronenberger, President of Dayton Supply & Tool.

First, second and third place winners will be recognized. Additional awards include Best Sportsmanship, Best Engineered Robot, Best Documented Robot and the People's Choice Award. Winners that choose to advance to the national competition, to be held by the National Robotics League, will receive monetary support with \$750 given to the first place team, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

"We hold the spring competition on a Saturday, so parents, kids and community leaders can experience this program first hand. The excitement, sportsmanship and incredible learning happening because of this program cannot be captured in print but is obvious when you are sitting in the stands," said Maureen Carruthers, Program Manager for the National Robotics League.

Teams are scheduled to submit their robots from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at MVCTC. After the safety inspections are completed and the robots are approved, each team will finalize their competition strategy.

The contest begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 23.

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