Dixie Crow Chapter of the AOC

Sponsors Houston County FIRST Robotics Team



The Dixie Crow Chapter Logo is proudly displayed on the sponsor board of the Houston County "Flying Legion" Competition Robot.  Sponsor names are announced the first time the robot takes the field for each round of competition.

Thanks to the generous and timely contributions of sponsors, the Houston County FIRST Robotics Team was able to compete in the Peachtree State Championship Thurs-Sat (6-8 April 2017) at UGA in Athens.  Of the 75 FIRST Robotics teams in the state of Georgia, the Houston County team went in seeded #36.  The team turned in outstanding performance after performance during the qualifiers, so they were ranked #2 when the playoffs started!  Incredibly, the team at #1 was the Bibb County team—quite a statement that the two teams from Middle Georgia outranked all the Atlanta-area teams.  Bibb maintained their #1 position to the end of the tournament, while Houston County finished #3 after some bad luck in successive matches in the semifinals—still an amazing run for a team that started ranked #36!

The season isn't quite over.  The team's performance in the state championship (3rd place tournament finish) earned them an invitation to the world championships in Houston, TX where they finished 32nd out of 67 in their division.  To our knowledge local teams (Warner Robins, GA) have never competed at this level before.

What an outstanding season!!!!  Look out 2018; the Flying Legion will be back!!!

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