FLL Robotics 2024-2025 Season Summary

On December 15, 2024 Hood River A05 FRC Team Hosted the First Lego League Robotics Qualifying Tournament at Hood River Valley High School. Eighteen teams competed to win awards and attain spaces to travel forward to the State FLL Tournament in January. Thirteen of the teams from local elementary and middle school FLL teams were mentored by the A05 Annex Team throughout the season. All eighteen teams competed in Robot Competition matches with robots that they designed and programmed, completed an Innovation Project to help our oceans as part of the FLL Submerged season, and showed the Core Values of FLL throughout the tournament. Six Teams advanced from this tournament to the State FLL Competition on January 18th.

A05 would like to thank all tournament sponsors, donors and Volunteers who made this tournament such a great day for Robotics in The Gorge! Especially ORTOP, the Gorge STEM Hub, the Hood River County School District, and technology director Todd Hilstad. Also thanks to the food sponsors during the tournament Domino's Pizza and Rosaeur's Super Market.



Team Swiftie Panthers took home the 1st Place Champions Award!

Frank Henderson, Everson Flood, and Natalie Garrison are a neighborhood team from Hood River Middle School who performed amazingly well in all areas of the competition. The Swiftie Panthers not only designed and programmed the Robot that had the highest score of the competition, they also designed jewelry using plastic reclaimed from the beaches and ocean which they plan to sell in the future as a way to keep plastics out of our oceans.

The Danger Kitty Team from Hood River New School took home the Champion's Second Place Award!



Other winners of the day included…



The Avocadoes from May Street Elementary School took home the Rising All-Star Award. (left)



The McNary LEGO Monster Squad from Umatilla took home the Motivate Award. (Right)



The Mex Robotexs from Mid Valley Elementary school won the Core Values Award! (Left)

Team Aquatic All-Stars from Hood River Options Academy and Team Signautica from the Hood River New School (below) both took home Engineering Excellence Awards.





The Building Bananas (below), a Hood River Neighborhood team, took home the Robot Design Award.



The Galaxy Narwahls from Westside Elementary (not pictured) took home the Innovative Project Award