Galvaknights

Sponsor Packet 2026-2027

Who we are

The **GalvaKnights** are a student-led robotics team based at **San Marcos High School** in **San Marcos, California,** competing in the **FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC)**, an international program that inspires students through hands-on STEM education.

Students gain real-world experience in engineering, programming, manufacturing, project management, and leadership while designing, building, and competing with an industrial-sized robot. Through this experience, they develop the technical and professional skills needed for future success in college and their careers.

The team is supported by the **SMHS Robotics Booster Club**, a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** that manages sponsorships and donations to help provide students with exceptional learning opportunities.

We invite you to partner with the **GalvaKnights** through financial or in-kind sponsorship to help fund competition travel, robot materials, manufacturing, tools, and other essential program expenses.

What we do

The **FIRST® Robotics Competition** combines the excitement of sports with the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. **The GalvaKnights operate year-round, with the official FRC competition season taking place from January through April.** During this period, students design, manufacture, assemble, program, and test a robot to compete in that year's challenge.

Throughout the year, students develop technical and professional skills through a **student-led team structure**. Members take responsibility for engineering, programming, manufacturing, project management, outreach, and team operations. The **GalvaKnights** compete in district events and qualifying competitions with the goal of advancing to championship-level events.

Our Community

The **GalvaKnights** are committed to making a positive impact beyond the competition field by engaging with and supporting the San Marcos community. **Based at San Marcos High School**, the team shares the excitement of STEM with students throughout the district by visiting **local elementary and middle schools** to demonstrate robotics and encourage interest in engineering and technology.

The team also hosts community events, including **a pre-season district scrimmage and an annual end-of-season expo** that brings together robotics teams from across Southern California. Throughout the year, members participate in outreach activities, collaborate with other school organizations such as **clubs, band, and arts programs**, and represent the team at **community events** including the holiday parade. Through the **SMHS Robotics Booster Club**, the program also partners with the community through fundraising efforts such as the annual **Tree Lighting Ceremony Bake Sale**, helping to "Fuel the Team" while strengthening connections with local supporters.

Knights' Excellence and Future

2017- FIRST STEAMWORKS
Rookie All-Star Award
World Championship Qual

2019-DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE
Regional Finalist
World Championship Qual

2025-REEFSCAPE
Imagery Award

2026-REBUILT
San Diego Event Finalist
Imagery Award
Team Spirit Award

The **GalvaKnights** strive for excellence through innovation, teamwork, and student leadership. Our students are recognized for their achievements in robot design, engineering, competition performance, and community outreach. Each season, **the team applies real-world STEM skills** to overcome challenges while representing San Marcos High School with pride.

The team is proud to have received the above awards since its inception in 2017.

Your Donation

The **GalvaKnights** Robotics program has historically operated on **a modest annual budget of $25,000–$30,000**. Last year, thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors and community, we were able to raise **$50,000**. This increased support allowed us to expand learning opportunities for the team, improve our robot, and strengthen our performance throughout the competition season.

Every dollar invested in our team has a direct impact. Additional funding enables us to purchase better materials and equipment, attend more events, expand outreach efforts, and provide students with an even richer hands-on STEM experience.

For the 26/27 season, we hope to build on that momentum by increasing our funding once again as we pursue our goal of qualifying for the **FIRST World Championship** in April. We have set a goal of **$100,000**. An investment in the **GalvaKnights** is an investment in students. Through robotics, students gain real-world experience in engineering, programming, manufacturing, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving while developing the skills and confidence needed for future careers.

SMHS Robotics Booster Club is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A W-9 form can be provided upon request. Our EIN is 39-3488789. Checks can be made payable to SMHS Robotics Booster Club. All donations are tax deductible.

Expenses:

This investment will go beyond just the members of our team. We view it as our responsibility not only to inspire our members, but also to enrich the community around us with an appreciation for and an understanding of STEM. Our team has contributed hundreds of volunteer hours mentoring young students.

2025/26 Season Expenditures

Compete & Succeed	Registration, competition fees, event costs	$10,000.00
Travel & Team Support	Transportation, lodging, meals	$1,696.92
Learn & Grow	Training, workshops, STEM education	$500.00
Tools & Technology	Tools, software, equipment	$17,482.02
Community Outreach	Demonstrations, STEM events, educational programs	$400.00
Team Experience	Apparel, awards, team activites	$2,063.59
Program Operations*	Insurance, administrative and operating expenses	$1,278.02

Total Cost: **$33,420.55**

* This year's goal is to ultimately earn an invitation and travel to the FIRST World's Competition in Texas. If the team qualifies, an estimated **additional $40,000 in expenses** will be required to support the participation of **15 team members and 3-5 coaches/mentors.**

Sponsor Benefits

Crown $10,000+

- Company Name listed as Title Sponsor of Team 6695
- Company Name/logo on team Robot (Large)
- Robot Demonstration at Company Event (Within Travel Distance)
- All Royal Court level Benefits

Royal Court $5,000 - $9,999

- Company Name/logo on team Robot (Small)
- Company Name/logo on team Shirt (Large)
- Include your Company Name/Logo during the competition's weekly recap video
- All Aristocrat level benefits

Aristocrat $1,500 - $4,999

- Company Name/logo on team Banner (Small)
- Company Name/logo on team Shirt (Small)
- Company Name/logo on team Robot Cart (Large)
- Receive up to 4 team shirts
- All Noble level Benefits

Sponsor Benefits

Noble $750 - $1,499

- Personalized thank you letter with a signed photo of the Team
- Goodie bag of team memorabilia
- Company Logo on Robot Cart (Small)
- Updates from the team during the competition season
- All Knight level Benefits

Knight $100 - $749

- Company listed on sponsor page of GalvaKnights website
- Thank you shoutout on Instagram

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