

2025-2026 SEASON

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## Sponsorship Info

Tonkabots offers various sponsorship levels, each receiving unique benefits. Sponsors can have their business logo featured on our robot and enjoy various other benefits based on their contribution level.

### **Save the Date - Upcoming Competition Dates**

**Week Zero** - Eagan, MN - Date TBD

**Pancake Breakfast** - January 24th, 9-12:00 at Westonka High School

**Regional #1** - Duluth, MN - March 4-7, 2026

**Regional #2** - Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 25-28, 2026 (not yet confirmed)

**World Championships** - (Qualifying event) - April 29 - May 2, Houston, TX

**MSHSL (State)** - (Qualifying event) - Location & Date TBD

# Our Team



## Introduction

The Tonkabots, team #6147, is a high school robotics team from Mound, MN that competes in the annual FIRST Robotics Competition. Each year a new game is released with a variety of objectives. Students are given six weeks to design, build, and program an industrial sized robot before competitions begin. Mentors working in a variety of industries generously volunteer their time to equip students with the knowledge needed to make each season possible.



2024 Season  
Recap Video



Tonkabots Team 2025

## Who Are We?

Tonkabots are a team of over 40 hard working, innovative Westonka High School students in Mound, MN. The team is structured around the following sub-teams:

- >> Design
- >> Build
- >> Software
- >> Strategy
- >> Marketing
- >> Engineering
- >> Business
- >> Project Mgmt

## Meet Our Coaches

Dale Kimball - *Head Coach*  
Ashton Demmer- *Assistant Coach*  
Brett Herdendorf - *Assistant Coach*

## Meet Our Mentors

Mike Wood	Dan Vogel
Kristin Beise	Nate Salas
John Beise	Matt Miller
Gretchen Fleener	Jesse Remmington
Wayde Fleener	Jason Hall
James Dedon	Justin Silewski
Michael Tsypis	Mindy Barrett
Cyndi Tsypis	Justin Wiederanders



Team, Mentors & Parents at World  
Championships in Houston, TX 2025



# Our Community Impact

## Making a Difference in Our Community

The Tonkabots are more than just robot enthusiasts; we are a dedicated group of students, mentors, and supporters who strive to make a meaningful impact on our school, community and beyond. We give back to our community through teaching, volunteering, and offering demonstrations throughout the year.



## Middle School Summer Robotics Camp

Tonkabots students design a custom curriculum and immerse middle school students in a 5 day introduction to robotics, focusing on CAD, 3D printing, and many other engineering-oriented topics. The camp ends with the students taking part in a competition with the robots they've built.



## Spirit of the Lakes Festival

In 2024 the Tonkabots hosted a series of demonstrations at Mound's largest community celebration.

## MN State Fair

In 2025 the Tonkabots educated State Fair visitors through multiple robot demonstrations and participated in the parade.





## Haven Homes Senior Visit

In fall of 2025 the Tonkabots brought their robot to Haven Homes senior community in Maple Plain to give a demonstration.



## Tommy's Olympic Speed Walk

In summer 2025 the Tonkabots put on demonstrations for attendees walking to raise funds for the Be Like Tommy Project, in memory of Westonka High School student Tommy Nash.



# Our Workforce Impact

## Building YOUR Future Employees

In addition to impacting our local community today, the Tonkabots coaches, mentors and sponsors work to develop YOUR future workforce, teaching them valuable real-world skills through the hands-on STEAM education that the FIRST Robotics Competition provides.

## Leadership & Skill Development

The following is a list of some of the skills and traits that our team members develop during their time involved with the Tonkabots:

- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Working with tools
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Negotiation Skills
- Assembly
- Visualization
- Working Under Pressure
- Programming
- Manufacturing
- Assembly
- Computer Aided Design
- Graphic Design
- Social Media Marketing
- Photography
- Team Leadership
- Printing
- Event Planning
- Presentation Skills
- 3D Printing
- Data Analytics
- Brand Identity
- Strategy Development
- Design Process
- Video Editing
- Cross-Functional Collaboration



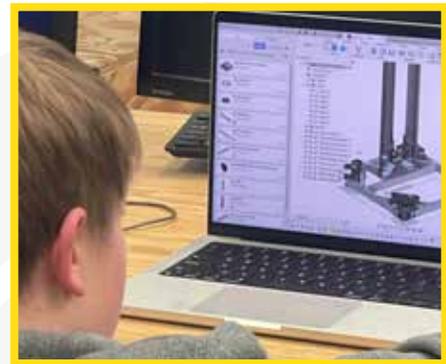
Precision milling in the shop



3D Printing



Coding the robot



CAD Modeling



Photography



Giving a Fundraising Presentation

# Sponsor Partnership



Collaboration with the Tonkabots affords you the opportunity to give back in a way that eventually pays you back. Opening your doors to our high school students for tours not only provides them with a valuable learning experience, but it also gives you the opportunity to showcase your company to young students, encouraging them to enter a field that will benefit your industry and possibly your own company.



Learning to weld at D.G.Welding



Suiting up for a tour at Seagate's wafer plant



Touring Dunwoody



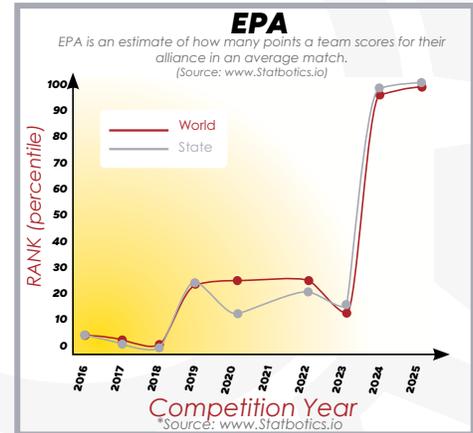
Robot demo at D.G.Welding



# Achievements

Since receiving an increase of sponsor donations in 2023, the Tonkabots have greatly improved their results, as shown on the graph to the right.

Below are a few of our most recent achievements, a direct result of our increased sponsorship partners' support!



- >>>> MSHSL State Champions - 2024
- >>>> Northern Lights Regional Champions - 2024
- >>>> Double DECCer Champions - 2024 & 2025
- >>>> Autonomous Award - 2024 & 2025
- >>>> MN Robotics Invitational Champions - 2024
- >>>> North Star Regional 2nd Place Winners - 2025
- >>>> World Championship Qualifiers - 2024 & 2025
- >>>> Stellar Single Peer Award - 2024
- >>>> Hardest Working Robot Peer Award - 2024
- >>>> Helm Award Worlds Peer Award - 2025
- >>>> 2nd Place MN State Fair- 2025
- >>>> Ranked 3rd in the World - End Game Scoring 2024





MSHSL Champions



Northern Lights Regional Champions



Two-Time Autonomous Award Winners



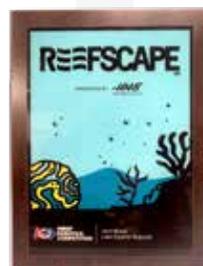
Two-Time Double DECCer Champions



Two-time World Champion Qualifiers



MN Robotics Invitational Winners 2024





# Sponsors Enable Us

While our team works hard year round on fundraising events, we do not receive funding from our school, so our sponsors are especially critical to our success. Sponsorship funds give us access to new technologies, equipment, and robot parts, enabling us to develop a more competitive and innovative robot. Our sponsors are a vital key to our success!

## Annual Team Expenses

Regional Registration Fees (2 competitions)	\$9,300
State Registration Fees	\$2,750
Other Event Registrations (Week O, Off-Season Events)	\$1,000
Transportation & Housing for Above Events	\$5,000
FIRST Championship Registration	\$6,300
World Championship Tournament Expenses	\$33,000
Team Branding & Apparel	\$1,000
Robot parts, Inventory & Tools	\$25,000
Administrative Costs	\$1,000
Additional Misc. Expenses	\$9,500
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>\$93,850.00</b>

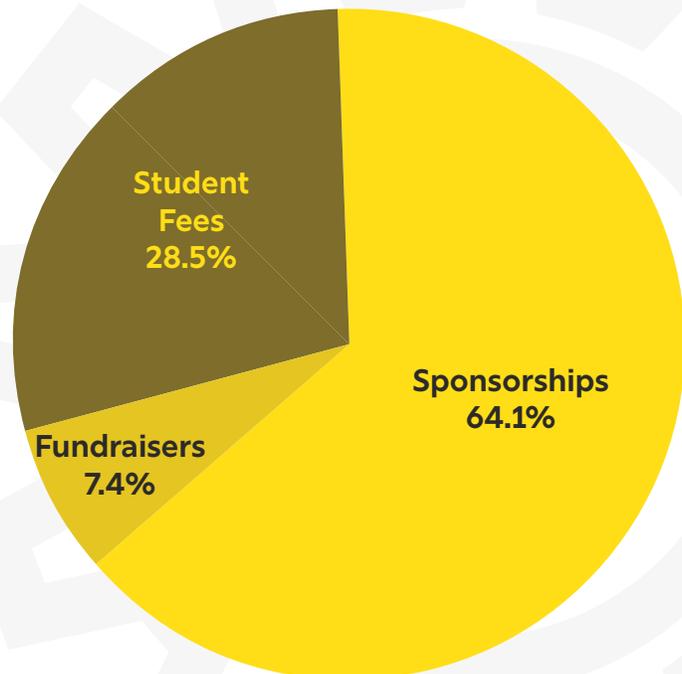
*Tonkabots has a goal to keep a reserve of \$35,000 for when we qualify for the World Championship. If the team does not qualify for Worlds, the money will be reserved for the most pressing needs of the following season.*

## Funding Sources

**Student Fees** Cost to families to register for robotics

**Fundraisers** Pancake breakfast, silent auction, local business fundraising events

**Sponsors** Local businesses, individuals and corporate sponsors



# Other Ways to Support



*We appreciate any and all forms of support!*



## In-Kind Donations



Donating your time, skills, products or services is just as beneficial to us! Your donations enable us to achieve specific goals without depleting our limited funds, and in turn redirect our cash to other necessary expenses. If you or your company has access to build and manufacturing equipment & capabilities, printing and marketing resources, transportation services, food service, or anything else that can help us make this season even better, please contact Dale at [kimballd@277apps.org](mailto:kimballd@277apps.org); we'd love to have a conversation about how we can partner together!



## Fuel The Team

Teenagers eat a lot, and nothing slows down productive kids like hunger! **\$100 will feed the team for one meeting**, but every dollar that our team does NOT have to spend on feeding the team is another dollar that can be allocated towards building a champion robot! Do you like to cook, own a restaurant, or have cash or gift cards? Contact Dale at [kimballd@277apps.org](mailto:kimballd@277apps.org) with your ideas!



## Auction Donation

We are always in search of items for our annual silent auction which will be held at our pancake breakfast! If you or your company is able to donate gift cards, products, or experiences to our auction, please contact Mike Tsypis at [mtsypis@gmail.com](mailto:mtsypis@gmail.com) to arrange drop-off of your donation. Be sure to keep an eye out on our social media for this season's pancake breakfast date and join us!



## Become a Mentor



The time and talents of our mentors is essential to engaging our team of 40+ high schoolers and teaching them valuable life skills! If you are interested in mentoring students in the fields of engineering, build & manufacturing, programming & software, electrical engineering, graphic design, web design and marketing, fundraising, business, community outreach, event planning, media, press or anything else that you feel you can contribute, we would love to meet with you! Please contact Dale at [kimballd@277apps.org](mailto:kimballd@277apps.org) to arrange a time to connect and match up our needs with your skills and see how rewarding mentoring students can be!



## Become a Superfan



Help us get the word out about our amazing team among the community by becoming a fan on social media and proudly wearing our team merch!

Get Social





# Sponsorship Benefits



Drive Team Vests on the Jumbotron



Your logo and link on our website



Social media thank you post with link



Your Logo on our robot



Your logo on our annual sweatshirts



Robot demo on-site at sponsor facility



Your logo on our team banner in the pit

# Sponsorship Levels



Interested in a sponsorship level, but don't see what you'd like? Contact us and we can look into the request!  
*All donations are tax deductible. Tonkabots Booster Club is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit (EIN 33-1444607)*

	Byte \$250	Kilobyte \$500	Megabyte \$1,000	Gigabyte \$2,500	Terabyte \$5,000
Business name & Link on Website	1	1	1	1	1
Tour of Tonkabots Competition Pit	1	1	1	1	1
Social Media Thank You Post	1	1	1	1	1
2 Tickets to Pancake Breakfast	1	1	1	1	1
Logo on Team Banner*	0	1	1	1	1
Logo on Robot*	0	0	1	1	1
Logo on Annual Team Sweatshirt*	0	0	1	1	1
Large Logo on Team Banner*	0	0	0	1	1
Logo on Drive Team Vests*	0	0	0	1	1
Thank You Gift	0	0	0	0	1
Large Logo on Robot*	0	0	0	0	1
Robot Demo	0	0	0	0	1

*\*Must receive sponsorship & vector logo files no later than Feb 6, 2026*



# Sponsorship Form

THANK YOU for your interest in sponsoring our team!

**Please choose one of the following options to become a sponsor:**

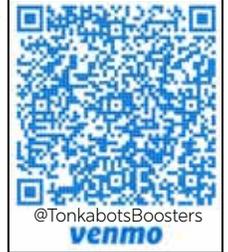
## Digital Submission



Scan this QR code to submit your information and give digitally via Zeffy (automatically collects info below and generates a receipt)

<OR>

Scan this QR code to give digitally via Venmo (Please follow up with all the info below as well, and we will generate a receipt for you):



## Mail Submission

Complete this form and mail along with a check made out to the "Tonkabots Booster Club" to: Tonkabots Booster Club, PO Box 122, Mound, MN 55364-0122.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email my 2 pancake breakfast tickets to: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to provide the following In-Kind donation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Required to provide recognition benefits:

Business website (for link on our page & socials): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person to obtain company logos (for apparel and banner\*):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Must receive vector logo files no later than Feb 6, 2026 to guarantee inclusion in apparel, banner or robot.*