

The Robots are coming !

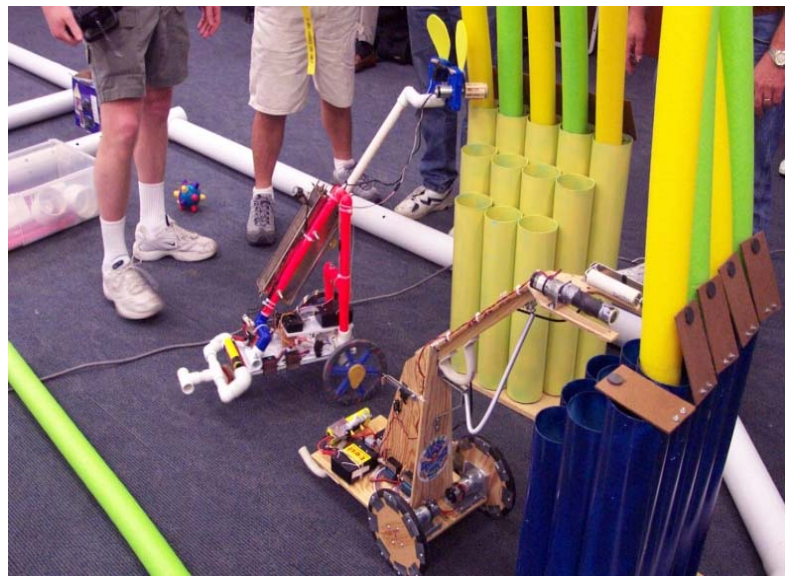
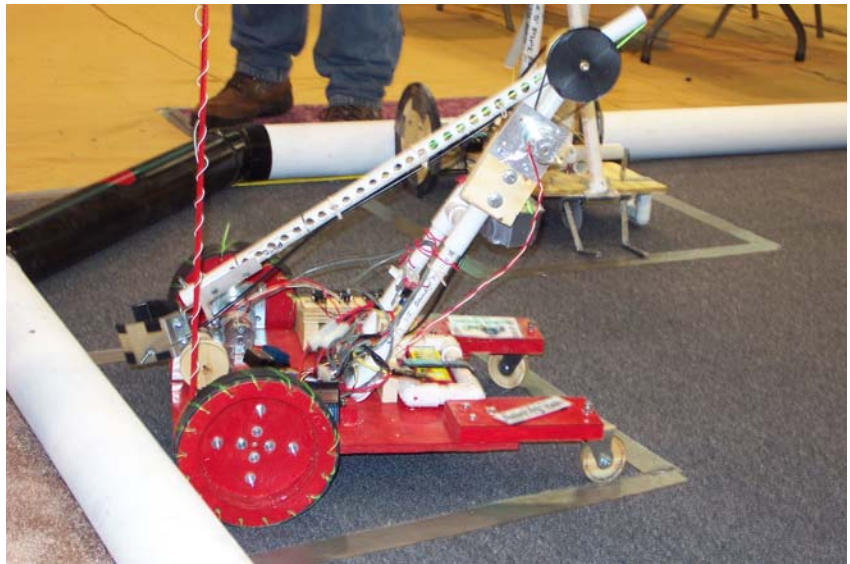
Heartland BEST Robotics 2004

KICKOFF – Sept. 11, 2004
NWOSU, Alva

MALL DAY – Oct. 16, 2004
Oakwood Mall, Enid

GAME DAY – Oct. 23, 2004
NWOSU, Alva

Register your team today at: <http://www.nwsu.edu/BEST>



BEST stands for **B**oosting **E**ngineering **S**cience and **T**echnology and is a robotics building competition open to middle schools and high schools. It is designed to teach teamwork, problem solving, project management, and pride in task completion within the constraints of a short time period and limited physical resources. Each team is given an identical kit of parts with which to build a robot. Team membership is open to all interested students, and participation is **FREE** to the students and the schools. **Heartland BEST** is hosted by **Northwestern Oklahoma State University** in Alva, Oklahoma. For more information visit us on the web at www.nwsu.edu/best or contact Steve Maier @ (580) 327-8562 or sjmaier@nwsu.edu



The Mission of BEST

- *BEST is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in a sports-like, science and engineering based robotics competition.*

History & Development of BEST

- *Founded in 1993 by two engineers at TI.*
- *BEST is currently located in 13 states, with regional championships in Texas and Alabama.*
- *Over 500 schools and 8,000 students participated in BEST in 2003.*



Benefits of BEST

- *Increases student understanding of technical concepts and scientific principles.*
- *Provides real-world engineering experience.*
- *Encourages creative thinking, self-directed learning, and problem solving.*
- *Promotes team-building and sportsmanship.*
- *BEST of all, BEST is FREE*

What People are saying about BEST

- *“Together the engineers and teachers make a powerful combination that results in one of the most unique learning experiences ever presented to a student.” – Ted Mahler, BEST Co-founder*
- *“It might be mistaken for a sporting event...pep bands and enthusiastic students will cheer on their students and robots with a matching decibel level!” – Wichita State University News Release*
- *“It’s cross-curricular...the students learn about fields such as robotics, marketing, communication, and project management, but also about teamwork and working under pressure.” – Auburn H.S. science teacher*

