



## The START Alliance

Each year tons of new STEM robotics teams open, some of them know what they're doing, others don't. Some teams have engineer mentors and coaches others don't.

When little humans learn how to talk, behave, etc from other humans, so it is normal we try to replicate this throughout our life. It's our instinct, and that's why for us, sharing is the most important aspect of VRC. On the 2011-2012 season, we decided to ally with teams around our country to share our knowledge, mistakes, troubles and triumphs. In a lapse of 3 months we got 6 different communities of teams involved, we worked together, developed ideas, shared our field, and perfected our robots, programs, autonomous and driving strategies.

Then each team attended their respective regionals looking for their ticket to the world championship, of course we got the chance to meet at some regionals, and even were able to ally during the elimination matches. During the regionals, we were all able to spot the difference between the teams that didn't get the chance to practice, talk to other teams, work with other teams, develop more ideas, or even try their autonomous. The difference was astonishing.

Each and every member of the alliance got a ticket to the world championship, and all of them did a great job. After a while, we decided to call this alliance the START Alliance, as each and every one of the members committed to start and help other teams to get involved, and help existing teams improve the way learned: Sharing.



We recommend to every team to create social network accounts, website, contact email, etc to magnify their impact in society and spread our vision of sharing.

As of today the START Alliance has 16 communities of teams from different regions of our country, we are proud to say that we have some of the best teams in our region.

We try to create the most amazing environment during the events we attend, we set up an awesome pit area, with interactive materials for other teams to get to know our team. We encourage other teams to get a look at our robots and ask us questions about them. With this we get the opportunity to know more people, be kind to them and get a positive attitude during the whole competition.

For us winning the competition is not the important part, the important part is getting teams to be better and helping them understand that sharing is everything. If we get to share our knowledge with the world, we will really get the best out of ourselves and have a real champion on the stage.