What Does VEX mean to me?

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What is the meaning of VEX? VEX is much more then a program or robotics design system. VEX is a way of life. From this desire come great and innovative designs. This lifestyle also requires many hours of work and adjustments. It is also pleasant and healthy competition.

My experience with VEX began in the 7th grade and instantly I became greatly involved. I am now the main designer and builder on my team. I spend hours of time searching and creating of designs. Then I must make it and better and original. The thinking process is often a challenge. This process can be difficult and often requires out of the box solutions. Then you must put them to the test and build them.

Building is the most testing and frustrating part of VEX. Robots usually fail after lots of work. This also gives you a great sense of satisfaction when it functions and preforms. It also keeps the process constant and flowing.

VEX is also fun as well a drive. It allows a healthy way of competition and many challenges both hard and enjoyable. It is also a great source for devolving teamwork and commutation skills as well as critical thinking. VEX develops many skills that can be used throughout life.

VEX is a passion that is more then a program. It is a design and thinking process. It is building and testing. It is life skills. VEX means so much more the three letters to me.