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 4080A

What VEX Robotics Means to Me

 I was invited to join SBD Robotics after they held and I attended their robotics camp this summer. Not only did I have fun I also learned how to build a robot and do some programming. I discovered that I really liked robotics so I accepted the invitation to join the team with Bryson on 4080A “Silent Bot Deadly”.

 Since joining the team I have increased my knowledge of programming and I am learning to coach Bryson who is the driver of our team. I have also learned how the competition works and how to keep score.

 So far this year I have been to four competitions all over Texas and I learned a little more each time. The competitions are exciting and it is hard to maintain my focus while on the field, but I am learning to exercise more self-control. I have also gained more confidence in front of judges and others.

 Winning matches in robotics is fun, however I have learned it isn’t always about winning. Having good sportsmanship and a good attitude is a big part of it along with helping and encouraging others. Being organized and prepared for your matches is a major plus too.

Robotics for me is interesting, exciting, challenging and just plain fun. I would like to continue doing VEX robotics. Who knows where it will lead me? I just know I will be following in the foot steps of giants.