The Quest

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During the winter, my hands constantly smell like steel. It is a constant reminder of what I have chosen to participate in. This is the VEX robotics season, my winter sport. The afternoons are never boring. That is when my team meets to work on our robot.

There are five of us on team B. We have a programmer, Jack, whose endless humor keeps our moods light, even when we are faced with imminent disaster. Thomas, the driver, provides wit and out of the box solutions no matter how tired we all feel. Our builders and scouts, Angela and Aurea provide the voice of reason. And finally, I am the team leader.

Together, we will traverse the mountain that is the bump, cross the bridge separating the middle from the goal, return the buckyball jewels to the stash, and scale the cliff of the hanging bar, all of which comprise the challenge this year. It is an adventure that we undertake as a group. But it is a welcome adventure. Our quests depart daily from our home base, Tech Center Bay C at the end of each school day, which plunges slowly into madness and chaos. We five complement each other’s strengths and weaknesses, and when the day comes for us to prove ourselves at the tournaments, we are prepared to present the fruit of our efforts. Whether or not we are worthy of the champion title, we will work to the best of our combined abilities.