

Girl Powered Essay

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When our team decided to join the Girl Powered Essay challenge, it was not because we wanted to win. It was because when we think of people in the STEM field, it is easier to think of men that have succeeded, than it is to think of women. This challenge is so important to the girls on our team, Jayden, Annalee, and Imari, because there are so many girls out there with so many world-changing abilities, but they are being held back because of their gender. It is just unfair because so many amazing women worked so hard and gave their lives so women could have the same rights as men. It is time we started appreciating what they did for all of us. I am not saying that there are no women in the STEM field, but the number is significantly less than men.

When we hear the term “Girl Powered” we think of girls being able to do anything the boys can do. That is why we think it is important to try out different roles on the team. You never know what you will like and excel in until you try it. For example, Jayden does not like to drive that much, and she figured that out when she drove at the competition. It is a lot of pressure, but it is a once in a lifetime opportunity and a lot of fun. Imari loves to build, and it is her favorite thing to do, but I do not like to build. I would rather you give me a notebook and a pen instead of building a robot.

Our team always makes sure that we are equally boy powered as well as girl powered. We apply it to our attitudes, performance, and work ethic every day by always remembering that anyone can do any job. If a boy is having trouble with something and is really stuck, he is never hesitant to let a girl help.

Once, Daniel was busy putting together the game board, so I decided to take the robot for a spin since we had just gotten it to work. Well, it was the first time I had driven a robot in a long time, so I did something wrong, and it broke. I wish I could say that I fixed it by myself and no one else noticed, but I would be lying. So, I called my other teammates to come help me fix it. To my surprise, they were not mad, but instead very eager to get this thing fixed because we had a competition coming up soon.

We think that the diversity of people helps create an interesting team. I do not think anyone wants to see a team of all boys, same with a team with all girls. Even though nothing is wrong with that, I just think it brings more to the team if we have different genders, races, and cultures. Everyone just has a better understanding of what the word teamwork really means when you are able to come together as a team and succeed even if your team is not the easiest to get along with.

The truth is, I think our teacher did that on purpose. She put us with people who we really do not talk to or get along with just to teach us about coming together for the sake of being successful and to become an overall amazing team. It worked.