

CMS team to visit Australia for Asia Pacific robotics event



This summer, a group of Camdenton Middle School students - some for the very first time - will step on a plane and experience another country.

LASER Robotics team 5908 has been chosen to represent the midwest portion of the country at the Asia Pacific Invitational FIRST event in Sydney, Australia in July.

By Spree Hilliard, Lake Sun

Posted Apr. 2, 2015 at 12:00 PM

Camdenton

This summer, a group of Camdenton Middle School students - some for the very first time - will step on a plane and experience another country.

LASER Robotics team 5908 has been chosen to represent the midwest portion of the country at the Asia Pacific Invitational FIRST event in Sydney, Australia in July.

In order to apply to attend the competition, teams had to qualify for the state competition, then had to submit an essay about the team. A total of three United States teams will be present at the competition.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for the kids," Sherry Comer said.

The team will be staying four extra days to experience the country's culture and local attractions at their own expense.

For the students, this opportunity is about much more than the competition. They will start learning about Australia's customs and traditions soon. They begin Skyping with an Australian team soon who will be their host team during their time in the country.

According to Comer, the team was "shocked," "proud" and "excited" when they heard the news.

They will be shipping their robot to Australia early.

"I am proud of is that our FTC teams are seventh and eighth graders. Most FTC teams are high school teams," Comer added.

During the three day invitational tournament, teams will be invited to compete in the "Cascade Effect" at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.