

Optimist club helps Robotics team sell Christmas trees

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Camdenton school district's after school Services Director Sherry Comer likes to see families pick out Christmas trees year after year.



The Camdenton Optimist club helps the Camdenton FIRST LASER Robotics teams sell Christmas trees during the holiday season.

The Robotics team started selling Christmas trees last year as a fundraiser. They have decided to sell trees again this year.

Camdenton school district's after school Services Director Sherry Comer likes to see families pick out Christmas trees. She said, "It's fun and heartwarming. We hope it continues for years to come."

The Optimist club purchases trees. The kids of the Robotics team and their parents sign up in three hour time slots. The Robotics team uses the Optimist club's lot (Camdenton Wal-Mart parking lot) to sell the trees.

The FIRST LASER Robotics team currently has 28 trees left out of the 244 they started with. They started selling trees during Black Friday.

They will sell until they run out of trees or until Christmas comes (whichever comes first). They hope to sell out this weekend, though.

This is not the only fundraiser the Robotics team puts on, but is one of the main ones. Comer said this is easy for the parents.

A lot of people come back. The community knows it helps the kids. Comer said, "We appreciate the community supporting the program."

The trees come from a farm tree in Minnesota. They sell Douglas Fir trees and Fraser Fir trees.

All the money raised from selling trees goes to the Robotics team which then gets used for tools, computers, travel expenses and more.

One in 12 kids in the entire Camdenton school district are on the Robotics team. They are piloting a Robotics team in prekindergarten. They recently started a Robotics team for kindergarteners and first graders.

They sell the trees at the Wal-Mart parking lot. They are open Sunday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.