

# Camdenton LASER Teams Represent at the FIRST® World Championship!



A sea of purple descended on the Edwards Jones Dome the week of April 20th in St. Louis, Missouri as members from the LASER robotics afterschool program represented Camdenton R-III with

LAKER pride.

The High School LASER program competed at the Championship on the Newton Field, overcoming insurmountable odds and finishing as the 8th ranked alliance in the semifinals. It was a hard fought contest with the LASER 3284 robot, the Scorpion, performing well.

The Middle School FIRST® Tech Challenge teams hosted a team from Shanghai, China. LASER provided tools, knowledge and worked in partnership with “The Bolts” to help them understand and explore America while staying in St. Louis and competing.

One LASER Jr. FIRST® LEGO® League team also qualified for the World Championship and participated in the 2013 challenge “Disaster Blaster”. Team 2293 brought home the team spirit award. Forty Jr. FIRST® LEGO® League teams from around the world showcased at the Championship.

On Friday the remainder of the 240+ LASER team members made the trip to the Dome to participate in the exciting Championship. Students from Osage Beach

Elementary, Hurricane Deck, Dogwood, Hawthorn, and Oak Ridge Intermediate participated in Robot related scavenger

hunts, watched the LASER High School and Jr. FIRST® LEGO® League LASER teams compete. They also visited with representatives from NASA, Boeing, LEGO®, National Instruments and numerous other technological-based companies. Many celebrities participated in the week-long Championship events including: Dean Kamen, Will.i.am, Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch, Ken Paves, and Sam Champion from the Weather Channel. In addition students were able to visit with the Dean of Admissions from prestigious universities such as Yale and MIT.



Garrett

Two LASER team members were awarded prestigious FIRST® scholarships. Garrett Johnson and Mitchell Woodside will both be attending the University of Missouri Science and Technology in Rolla this fall. Garrett will major in Petroleum Engineering and Mitchell will pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. MS&T is one of the top engineering schools in the United States. Over twenty million dollars' worth of scholarships are awarded through FIRST® every year.



Mitchell

If you are interested in learning more about the Camdenton 4-H FIRST® LASER teams please visit [www.laser3284.org](http://www.laser3284.org) or contact the Afterschool Services department at 573-346-9233.



## Camdenton 4-H LASER 3284 Robotics