



# UP NEXT TEAM 3528

## SPONSOR UPDATE

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### THANK YOU SPONSORS!

This newsletter is a short update of what we have accomplished. Attending the FIRST Championship was a highlight of the season, but more important than the competitions is the effect that participating in FIRST has had on the students. Our education was pushed beyond the classroom and into real-world problem solving. We learned to meet deadlines and find solutions to problems in short periods of time. Many of us learned new skills which sparked our interest into new fields. We have also formed many new friendships.

### 501(c)(3) Status

Good News! Our parent organization, Up Next! Leadership Foundation has now been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS, with an effective date of July 1, 2011. All contributions given since that date are now tax-deductible. For more information on the Up Next! Leadership Foundation, visit:

<http://www.upnextfoundation.org>.



### FIRST Championships- St. Louis, MO

April 28-30, 2012



By winning the Oklahoma Regional at the end of March, Up Next! qualified to attend the FIRST Championship. Four hundred FRC teams were in attendance and divided into four divisions. We were assigned to play on the Curie field against some of the best teams in FIRST. We finished the qualification rounds with a match record of 7-2 and were seeded 7th out of 100 teams. As the alliance captain for the 6th seeded alliance, we invited teams 1477 and 1741 to join us. After winning a very close quarter-final round, our alliance advanced to the semi-finals and were defeated by the eventual division finalists. Being able to compete at the FIRST Championship was an amazing experience. It would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors.

THANK YOU!

### Visit to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center May 13-15, 2012

Up Next! had so much fun touring NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. We took a very long bus ride along with other NASA house teams. We had the opportunity to take some really cool behind the scenes tours and see the museum. A huge thank you to NASA for sponsoring us and allowing us to come visit!



## KC Maker Faire, Union Station

June 23-24, 2012

We joined seven other FRC teams, along with a couple of FTC and FLL teams to put on a FIRST demonstration at the 2012 KC Maker Faire. Attendees watched as we took to the practice field and played some friendly matches against the other teams present. School-aged children were given the chance to drive our robot, Wilson, with the aid of team members. It was a great way to show the public what FIRST is all about.



## Invite Us to Visit

We would like to share our experiences with you. If you are interested in having our team come out and demonstrate our robot and talk about FIRST, please contact Jeff Ousley, 816-550-5531. Feel free to take some time to explore our website: [www.teamupnext.com](http://www.teamupnext.com) to learn more about our team activities.



## What is up next for Up Next!

- Volunteering at Harvesters Food Bank
- Laird Plastics Open House
- Liberty Fall Festival
- Cow Town Throw Down- off season event