



# THE ROBOPRINT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### VEX EDR Tournament

For the past 12 years, the RoboVikes have hosted a VEX EDR competition involving high school students from all over California. This year, we are continuing the tradition and hosting a VEX EDR competition for high school teams with over 50 teams in attendance.

### December RPM

This month's RPM will be on December 9th. At this meeting, we will discuss our upcoming build season schedule, finances, as well as our plans for hosting with Chinese students.

### VEX IQ Tournament

In both October and November, the RoboVikes hosted two scrimmages for VEX IQ teams from the 5 elementary schools in Travis USD. In December, all of that accumulates, along with mentoring done by 10 RoboVikes twice a week, for a real competition. This will be judged by teachers and parents, creating a professional atmosphere for the students.

## UPCOMING EVENT DATES

**EVENT NAME:** VEX EDR Tournament

**LOCATION:** Vanden High School

**DATE(S):** December 8

**TIME:** 8:00AM-4:00PM

**EVENT NAME:** December RPM

**LOCATION:** Vanden High School, Room H-3

**DATE(S):** December 9

**TIME:** 6:30PM

**EVENT NAME:** VEX IQ Tournament

**LOCATION:** Golden West Middle School

**DATE(S):** December 14

**TIME:** 8:00AM-1:00PM

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## **Important November Events**

### **Spaghetti Feed**



The 4th annual Spaghetti Feed was at Golden West Middle School and was a great success. It was our team's biggest spaghetti feed yet! The Robovike students had an amazing raffle and dessert auction as well as a presentation from our team's leadership and recap of the year since the last spaghetti feed.

Over \$8,000 was made as a profit this night! The Vanden Robotics team would like to thank the parents, families, friends, teachers, and supporters who attended this fundraiser.

### **FLL Tournament**



For the first time ever, the RoboVikes hosted an FLL Tournament at our school! We hosted 13 teams to compete in the 2019-2020 game, City Shaper. It was a great opportunity for the students around the Bay Area to use their robots in competition as well as present them to judges.

### **VEX IQ Scrimmage**



The RoboVikes hosted a VEX IQ Scrimmage at Foxboro Elementary School for all of the VEX teams in the Travis School District. Students

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had the chance to practice and prepare for next month's tournament!

### **The RoboVikes Went To China!**



Over November's Thanksgiving Break, a team of 27 parents and mentors traveled to China to spread the message of FIRST. Our team members had a great time sharing our passion for STEM and robotics abroad.

At the Beijing Economic Management School (BEMS), the RoboVikes taught the students how to build a simple robot by walking them through step by step and building it with them. After we built the robot, both the RoboVikes and the BEMS students exchanged culture, which included a martial arts presentation from the Chinese students and a square dancing presentation from the American students.

The RoboVikes also got the chance to visit the High School affiliated with Shanghai Jiao Tong University where we met FRC Team 5515, Blue

Power Robotics. The students from both teams exchanged knowledge and ideas about robotics in order to have a more efficient build season and grow in our communities.

Along with visiting the schools, the RoboVike students were also able to experience the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, and even eating dinner in the Oriental Pearl Tower.



The RoboVikes are also looking forward to welcoming 7 Chinese students from BEMS to California! This build season, we will assist the BEMS students in starting their team and building their robot. The BEMS students will travel with our team to Utah and compete at the Sacramento Regional as Team 8321.