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2008 NJ State Tournament

On Saturday, December 13, 2008, Mount Olive Robotics Team (MORT) welcomed 44 FLL Teams from around the state to participate in our Lego League State Tournament. In addition, 12 Junior Lego League teams competed in their own tournament.

The day began with teams doing their three presentations in four different judging areas. Opening ceremonies were held after lunch and then the performance rounds started. Mr. Don Bowers, FIRST NJ Regional Director was present and helped with the activities of the day.



There were over 40 judges from local sponsors and community organizations that were blown away by the knowledge and skills of this year's contestants. MORT supplied 34 team members who helped with the referring, planning, setup and cleanup of this event. The success of this event is based on the commitment and devotion of our team members towards FIRST. FIRST has engaged the minds and spirits of hundreds of students. The Mount Olive School District is very proud of their students who worked so hard to make this event a huge success.



State Tournament Award Winners:

Champion's Award Winner

First Place: 653 Landroids

Second Place: 3900 Robo Invaders

Robot Performance Award Winner

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Second Place: 653 Landroids

Technical Award Winner

First Place: 3521 Short Circuit

Second Place: 312 Landrias

Research Award Winner

First Place: 6114 The Wizards

Second Place: 3804 SciBoTechs

Teamwork Award Winner

First Place: 3590 Green Hawks

Second Place: 6397 ARCTICS

Against All Odds: 2341 Burning COOL Machine

Judge's Award: 417 Renewable Robot Rangers

Team Spirit: 5763 Challengers



In the afternoon, 12 Junior FIRST Lego League (JFLL) Teams from around the state came to participate in their own competition. This group of 6-9 year olds impressed the judges with their knowledge of the research topic for this year. Each team received a trophy that was made by MORT team members and each child received a participation ribbon. This event was once again run by Mr. Michael Baker with judging assistance from Mr. Stephen Kaytus, Mr. Bob Sacco, and Mr. Lou Okrent. MORT would like to thank them for their effort, it was much appreciated.

