

# YOUNG ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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## FRC TEAM 4293 TEAM KOMODO

Dear Friends and Family Members,

I am privileged to be part of an amazing robotics competition team, Team Komodo (FRC Team 4293). The Young Engineers Association (YEA) is a 501(c)3 Colorado non-profit organization (EIN: 45-4876549) that allows South Metro Area youth to gain the experience and skills necessary to design and construct an operational robot within a six-week period through the international FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC). YEA is a proud sponsor of Team Komodo which is in its seventh year of competition. Team Komodo is composed of high school aged students from a variety of schools and homeschool programs spread out across the South Denver Suburbs. Through YEA and FRC, these students make executive, technical, financial, strategic, and operational decisions while guided by mentors who work in similar fields. This gives them practical experience as they prepare for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The FIRST® Robotics Competition is a worldwide event encompassing over 4,000 teams and 75,000+ students. FIRST® was founded by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway™ Personal Transporter. His vision is to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Mr. Kamen has inspired students on the team to not just excel at robotics, but grow a passion for it as well.

What makes Team Komodo unique in comparison to other FRC teams is its partnership with a locally owned machine shop. This arrangement allows students to gain hands-on experience with designing, fabricating, assembling, and testing robots in state-of-the-art machine shop facilities while also working with mentors from the aerospace, network, business, and manufacturing sectors. Additionally, we are independent from a local high school, relying solely on generous donations and grants to fund our team.

In both 2014 and 2016, Team Komodo made it to quarter finals at the Colorado FIRST® Robotics Regional Competition. We were also awarded the prestigious Entrepreneurship Award for outstanding team finance management in 2014. In 2017 We finished as the 4th seeded team and were able to make it to the semi-finals.

Team Komodo hopes you will consider a donation to support this pursuit of excellence and help continue to provide this important opportunity for tomorrow's engineers, scientists, and business professionals. Please consider contributing a donation at any level listed on the attached form, return the detachable portion of this form along with your contribution in the envelope provided. We will send you a receipt for your donation and we sincerely thank you for your support. An online donation is also available on our website, [www.youngengineers.us](http://www.youngengineers.us), click on the "Sponsors" tab and continue into the PayPal option.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Members of Team Komodo and the Young Engineers Association

"FIRST is more than robots. The robots are a vehicle for students to learn important life skills. Kids often come in not knowing what to expect – of the program nor of themselves. They leave, even after the first season, with a vision, with confidence, and with a sense that they can create their own future." -Dean Kamen

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Donors providing any level of support will be recognized at the FIRST® Robotics Competition in March, either showcased on the team's "Thank You Banner" in their official Pit Area or displayed through a name or logo on the official robot. Please visit the team website to see a list of current sponsors and upcoming opportunities to see Team Komodo.

There are several sponsor levels to which you may donate:

- **Bronze (\$0-\$499):** Your name will be showcased on the team's banner in the Pit area and on the Team's website.
- **Titanium (\$500-\$2,499):** In addition to the above benefits: A *small* sticker depicting your name will be placed on the robot. Your name will also be on the team's t-shirt in plain text.
- **Silver (\$2,500-\$4,999):** In addition to the above benefits: Instead of a small sticker, a *large* sticker depicting your name will be placed on the robot.
- **Gold: (\$5,000+):** In addition to the above benefits: You will earn a prominent place on both the Robot and the team's T-Shirts, and our deepest gratitude.

**Non-monetary donations, such as service donations and gift cards, are appreciated as well and will be recognized at monetary value.**

All donors will receive a receipt of their donation for tax purposes.

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