Marketing and Social Media

TEAM 4150







Marketing

Presenting your team professionally at competitions and with sponsors is essential to your team's success.

Branding

- Use consistent colors and logos to create a sense of unity and draw attention to your team.
- Logos are important as they provide an image to associate with your team's name.
- At events, use the same colors and logos on t-shirts, posters, pins, etc.



FRobotics uses this logo and its colors on all of our t-shirts, banners, pins, documents, and social medias.

Mission Statement

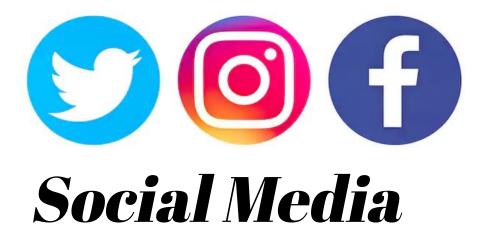
- Identify your team's overarching goal and mission
- Come up with a statement that encompasses your goals as a team
 - Work with your Outreach Coordinator to focus these goals in outreach events
- Communicate your team's overarching mission with team members, mentors, sponsors, and judges
- Use this statement to unify the team's actions in writing and in presentations

Reaching out to Sponsors

Reaching out to sponsors is key in terms of a team's financial stability.

- When approaching a potential sponsor, be respectful and confident. Make sure to show enthusiasm for FIRST.
 - Highlight the learning aspects of FRC, proving our promise for furthering STEM in the future.
- It is most effective to present to sponsors in person.
 - Offer to bring your robot and a few team members to the business.
 - If the potential sponsors prefer, phone calls are another method to get in touch. Write a general script that students can use when speaking over the phone.

Reaching out through social media, letters, and emails are also options when looking for sponsors.



Social media is very important for team recognition within the FIRST community as well as your team's local community.

Platforms

- Get your team on as many popular platforms as possible!
 This gives you a larger audience and a greater chance of recognition.
 - Instagram, Twitter,
 Facebook, Youtube

- Keep branding consistent across all platforms
 - Profile pictures, usernames
 - Include your team name and number so you're easier to find



FRobotics is @frobotics4150 on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. This is our profile picture on all platforms.

When to Post

During and after competitions

 Interact with and tag teams from your alliance, congratulate the winning teams, etc.



Instagram post after the 2019
Steel City
Showdown competition.

When to Post continued

- Before or after outreach events to announce the team's appearance or show off what you accomplished
 - Tag the location, group, or company your event was with



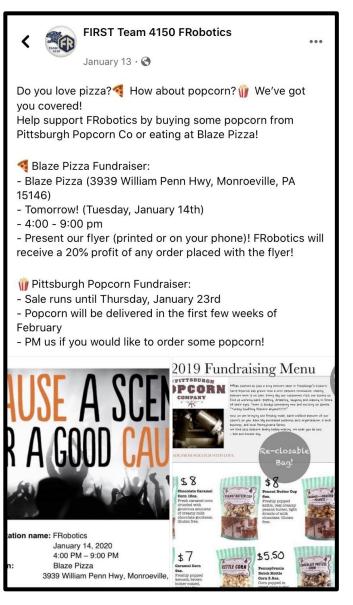
FRobotics
Instagram post
after several
outreach
events in 2019.

When to Post continued

During team fundraisers

 Get the word out to your community to help you raise money

FRobotics
Facebook post
announcing
fundraisers.



Tips for Posting

 Tag sponsors, potential sponsors, and school administrators (if applicable to your team) to show them what your team is up to

Utilize hashtags!

 #omgrobots and other FIRST hashtags will get your posts to more people

Put some effort into each post

 A good post takes time to create, but it will get more likes if it's exciting and aesthetically pleasing!

Credits

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