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### **Salt Lake County's 4-H Rookie Robotics Team Advances to National Competition**

Salt Lake County's 4-H Robotics team, 3230 Prototype X has won the Las Vegas FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), also winning two additional awards: Rookie All Star Award and Highest Rookie Seed Award. Up next the winning rookie team will compete at the FIRST Championship, April 15-17, 2010 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

The team must secure funding from sponsors for the National Competition. JCPenneys Afterschool Fund has contributed the entry fee but the team is still need in additional funds to cover travel and lodging costs. "The youth have worked so hard to design a competitive robot their first year, overcoming obstacles, giving them invaluable experience. We need community sponsorship to get them to the championship", stated 4-H Agent and team mentor Marcelle Smith.

The First (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics gives high school age youth the opportunity to learn not only engineering skills but also develop skills in communication, business, team work, and web design. With only six weeks to complete the robot, youth are also working with project deadlines that they may encounter in their future careers. "The kids are learning real world application. They get a project with strict guidelines and design and build a functional robot themselves and have fun while doing it", stated Jim French, the team coach.

For information on 4-H Robotics, please visit: <http://saltlakecounty4-h.org>.

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