# Picking Up Speed...



### Sep - Oct - Nov

## Team Paragon 9/15/17

## ~ FALL UPDATE!!! ~

While some activities kept us on our toes during the summer, now is the time to prepare for the upcoming season! We hit the ground running this fall with lots of tool training and other helpful preparation, as well as of course some volunteer work highlight our team in the Windsor community.

# TRAINING



**CAD Training!** (SEPTEMBER)

Former student and occasional mentor Mark Markowitz returned to show us the some tricks to working with CAD. This is a design tool for 3D models of objects, a robot for example (wink, wink). We're hoping to use this during the build season to get a better understanding of what our goals are, and what will work most effectively before we even start building.



#### Fundraising Prep! (OCTOBER)

The following week the team reviewed fundraising strategies with Mr. Jacobsen and practiced by telling mentors about the team.

### Public Speaking! (OCTOBER)

A few weeks later, Jennifer Mighty from the Toastmasters came to teach the team about public speaking. She gave us several practical ways to improve our skills, as talking to strangers or groups of people can often be nerve-wracking. We appreciate you coming out to help us. These skills will come in handy for talking to the judges, giving presentations and fundraising.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**



### Lions' Craft Fair! (OCTOBER)

As in the past, the team helped in the craft fair by setting up and taking down tents and booths for craft vendors. We also brought lunch for those hard at work.

#### JFK Fair! (OCTOBER)

Towards the end of the month, the team visited the JFK elementary school to show parents and kids what we do! This was a great opportunity to spark interest in our team with kids at early ages.





#### Turkey + 20! (NOVEMBER)

Though it was quite cold to start, we managed to have a successful Turkey + 20 drive, and it was a lot of fun!



#### Tree Unload! (NOVEMBER)

The team helped the Jaycees unload Christmas trees like in the past. For those who were awake at least, it was a lot of fun and a success! @Caleb :)





#### SHOUTOUT TO MR VON HOUTEN

#### For helping us get a \$2000 donation from Lockheed Martin!!!

#### **2018 FIRST POWER UP GAME TEASER**

If you haven't already, don't forget to check out this year's game teaser! There's lots of speculation, so see it for yourself and tell us what you think!



https://youtu.be/MM\_JWAON6PI

Tell your friends that might be interested about Paragon, we'd love to have new students and mentors too. No experience necessary, just a ready attitude to learn and get excited!

Contact us at <a href="mailto:teamparagon571@att.net">teamparagon571@att.net</a>

Our meetings are on Monday nights from 6:30-8pm at 57 East Wolcott St (the former Roger Wolcott School)

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