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DRIPPING SPRINGS MS ROBOTICS TEAM MOVES ON

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—At last weekend's *FIRST®* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO® League (FLL) Qualifying Tournament, the Dripping Springs Middle School team earned the right to move on to the Central Texas Invitational Tournament on March 8, 2014. Only five out of 15 teams were chosen to compete at the Invitational, which will be held at Connolly High School.

The top five teams were chosen based on robot performance, the robotics competition, Core Values, and the Project. This year's theme is "Nature's Fury". DSMS placed second in the Project Award category. The students came up with the idea to develop a smartphone app that can be used to alert local power companies about trees touching or being too close to power lines. They used the Bastrop fires as a baseline for their idea.

The First Lego League competition is designed to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education (STEM) in middle school. The competition is free and open to the public.

This is the third year that Dripping Springs Middle School has fielded a robotics team and the FLL team is one of two groups of students (the other competed in the BEST competition in November). The DSMS teams are sponsored by teacher Dana Norman.

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