

To: Parents in the Elmwood-Murdock (Cass County) vicinity

Are you intrigued, confused or even concerned about the way robots have entered nearly every facet of our lives? They are in our workplaces. They control nearly every system in our automobiles and may soon be driving them. They are even entering our homes, capable of operating our lights, security and even ordering groceries at our command.

Do you wonder if your child will be prepared to thrive in the world I am describing?

This is Tom Day, father of fourth grader Jeffery and sixth grader Marion. I started working with my kids on a robotics competition being held at the SAC Museum later this month. While those questions were not the focus of this event, it did get me thinking a lot about robotics.

As a result, I would like to organize a group of parents and their children to take a look at the subject of robotics in a fun, but educational way. If this interests you and your children, I encourage you to attend an organizational meeting at **10:00 AM, Saturday, March 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at Elmwood Christian Church (just East of Elmwood City Park)**. I really want the parents to be involved in this club as I think it will be a good way to bond with our kids.

My hope is that we parents will be able to provide guidance, but ultimately, I would like the direction of the club to be based on the interests and needs of our kids. We could help research robotic devices to build and learn from, most with price tags under \$100. We could organize competitions, or work together on larger projects. We could organize field trips to see the many ways robotics are being used in our world. I think our imaginations are the only limit.

There would be no fees for the club. Any money spent on robots or materials would be at the parents' discretion.

This meeting will be organizational in nature, mostly involving the parents – when best for the club to meet, ideas, Q & A. However, please bring the kids as I will have a number of robotic toys for the kids to play with while we meet. If your child has a toy or robotic device they would like to bring, please do.

I am focusing this initial meeting at the Elementary level but I think we could easily find ways to include upper level kids, or young adults. If they are interested, please bring them along as well and we will adjust our planning accordingly.

If you are interested, please reply to blues4free57@gmail.com as I would like to provide snacks. If you happen to forget to reply, please attend anyway.

I look forward to meeting you at 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 2nd.

Regards,
Tom Day