

Explorer Post 1010  
Rockville Maryland



# Engineering Exploring Program

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# Who We Are

- Enthusiastic students from local high schools, interested in engineering
- Sponsored by the Rockville Science Center
- Organized under national Exploring Program, Learning for Life, Boy Scouts of America Affiliate



# What We Do (Help Discover Your Future)

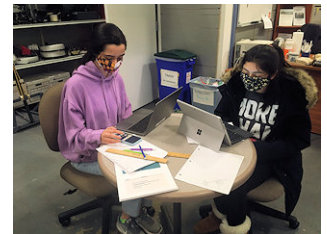
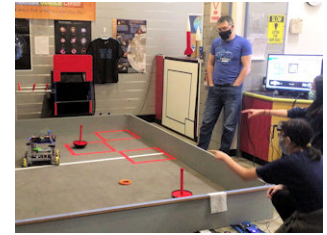
- Compete in international robotics, rocketry and drone programs
- Everyone on a team
- Teen leadership responsibilities
- Local field trips and presentations
- Community service opportunities
- Adult support
- And we have a lot of fun!



# We Kick Bots!

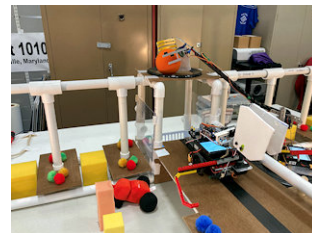
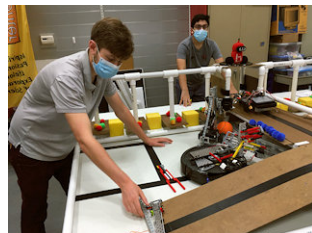
- *FIRST Tech Challenge (Blu Cru)*

- Eleven years participation
- Awards in local, regional, world events
- New challenge for 2023/24



- *Botball Educational Robotics*

- Twenty-Two years participation
- Compete in DC region tournaments, participate in global conference
- Regional and global awards over many years



# We Fly Them High!

- *The American Rocketry Challenge*

- Design/build model rockets to meet a specific altitude, duration, design, and recovery
- NASA Student Launch Initiative
- Launch in MD and VA
- 19th Place Nationally in 2023



- *Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS<sub>4</sub>STEM)*

- Build and fly a quadcopter to complete a detailed mission
- Regional leader
- 2nd Place Nationally in 2023



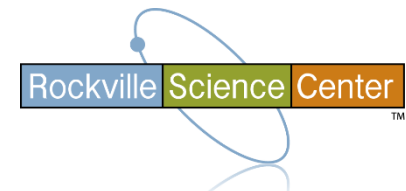
# Operations

- Membership 2022
  - 40 high school girls and boys
  - From many different schools
  - 90% graduate to science/engineering higher education degree programs
- Meetings
  - Weekday, 7pm – 9pm
  - Varied in-person work sessions
  - Saturday/Sunday launches, competitions
  - Annual picnic, teamwork events
  - Exhibits, school visits, SSL opportunities
  - Local tours, summer overnight trips



# Rockville Science Center Sponsorship

- Explorer Post 1010 in 26th year
  - *Seventeen years at Lockheed Martin*
  - *Five years at Johns Hopkins*
- Rockville Science Center Support
  - *Volunteers, mentors, resources, outreach*
  - *Storefront at Rockville Town Square*
- Rockville Makerspace
  - *Facility use, safe and secure location*
- Funding
  - *Dues (\$300 annual)*
  - *Grants, contributions*
  - *Fund raising*



# Exploring (Learning for Life)

- National organization

- Strives to be the foremost co-educational youth program for character and career development
- <http://www.learning-for-life.org/>



- Exploring is work site career program

- Provides high school teens with environment, resources, and relationships they need to learn and grow
- Aviation, Business, Communications, Engineering, Fire Service, Health, Law Enforcement, Law & Government, Science
- 20 Posts in DC area council, 600 students





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