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**BMS Robotics Team Advances to Lego Super Regional Contest**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Bonaire Middle School's Robotics FIRST Lego League Team competed in the FIRST Lego League (FLL) Qualifier held in Dublin Dec. 3, 2011. Bonaire's team won first place in Robotic Performance and second place Overall. In addition, the team qualified to compete in the FIRST Lego League's Super Qualifier to be held at the Museum of Aviation Jan. 7, 2012.

Bonaire Middle's students were judged against other middle school students from South Georgia in areas of teamwork, robotic

performance and technical research. Fifteen teams competed.

Bonaire's team members (pictured in no particular order) are: Joey Bishop, Will Jones, Sara Gladden, Clay Harden, Maggie Higginbotham, Matthew Honeycutt, Nick Jenkins and Steven Lester. Vicki Walker and Roland Williams serve as advisers and team coaches.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping young people discover and develop a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). For students ages 6-18, participants master skills and concepts to aid in learning STEM through innovative projects and robotics competitions which culminate in an international robotics competition. The FLL is for grades 6-8. Its purpose is to immerse children in real-world science and technology challenges. Teams design their own solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots that perform a series of missions.

Bonaire Middle is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire. Cindy Randall serves as principal. For more information, please contact Walker at [Vicki.Walker@hcbe.net](mailto:Vicki.Walker@hcbe.net) or visit <http://usfirst.org/>.

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