

Maryland teams compete in the *FIRST* Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta

April 16-18, 2009.

Four Maryland *FIRST* teams advance in two separate competitions!

FIRST Championship online pressroom: <http://www.usfirst.org/who/content.aspx?id=4190>

❖ FRC World Championship (*FIRST* Robotics Competition) - 349 teams of high school age competing in 4 divisions.

- Team 768, the TechnoWarriors from Woodlawn High was selected by the #1 alliance in their division. This alliance was eliminated in the semi-finals.
- Team 2377, C-Company from Chesapeake High in Pasadena was the #3 seed and was an alliance captain in their division. This alliance was eliminated in the quarter-finals.
- Team 1629, GA-Co from North and South Garrett High was the # 8 seed and was an alliance captain in their division. This alliance was eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Explanation of ALLIANCES: One of the distinguishing features of a FRC competition is teams never win (or lose) alone. *FIRST* randomly assigns teams to 3-team alliances for each competition match. The match schedule is released a few hours before the competition starts. This creates the spirit of "co-opetition" where an opponent one match may be a partner the next, and communication and strategy is a key element to success.

❖ FTC World Championship (*FIRST* Tech Challenge) – 100 teams of high school age competing:

- Team 2818, G-Force, from McHenry was the #3 seed in their division and was selected by the #1 seed to join their alliance. They finished as the overall competition Finalists.

❖ FLL World Festival (*FIRST* LEGO League)-82 teams competing, ages 9-14.

- Team 407-Anakin Skybotters, community-based team from Bethesda. They finished in the top ten in the project presentation and 35th in the robotics competition.

Also competed:

- ❖ In FRC: Team 1893, the High Tech Parrots, from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (57th seed); Team 1195, New Age Chaos from Bowie High and the Patriots Center (65th seed); and Team 2866, Project Mayhem from Owings Mills High (80th seed).
- ❖ In FTC: Team 7 – New Covenant Christian Academy from Harford Co.