Whiteford Robotics, Inc. Annual Report 2026-2027

2026-2027 Officers:

President: Randy Pitney
Vice President: Amanda Valasek
Treasurer: Doug Bulmer
Secretary: Beth Russeau
Director: Traci Linkey
Director: Amanda Perry

The Whiteford Robotics booster group meets the second Wednesday of every month averaging about 9 attendees. Agendas are shared in advance and meeting minutes are recorded and made available.

Mission Statement:

The Robotics Booster Club supports Whiteford's middle school and high school robotics programs by empowering students, coaches, and families through fundraising, recruitment, advocacy, and community engagement. Our mission is to expand opportunities in robotics and provide meaningful experiences that help students explore and prepare for future STEM and business careers.

What is Robotics?

Students compete in FIRST Robotics, a worldwide organization with more teams in Michigan than anywhere else. Each year a new game is released, and students have about eight weeks to design, build, test, and refine a robot to compete against hundreds of schools of all sizes and resource levels. They participate in every part of the process, building skills in engineering, programming, marketing, business, leadership, and more. Our team competes in two in-season events and the State Championship if qualified. The off-season focuses on training, including two additional summer competitions.

Support to Whiteford:

During the 2025–2026 school year, we expanded our program by welcoming 8th-grade students onto the high school team, launching a summer workshop for grades 6–8, and partnering with the school to add a middle school robotics class to the curriculum. We also established a scholarship program that awarded two graduating seniors a $750 scholarship each.

Financials:

A primary goal of boosters is to make the program affordable for all families. To accomplish this, last year we launched a new fundraising campaign. This gave parents an opportunity to waive all fees (typically $300 per season) if their student participated. We were successful in reaching all goals and waiving all student fees.

Other fundraising comes from grants, Football Games selling Rally Rags and 50/50 Raffles, dining fundraisers, and a Dunk Tank event at the back to school Open House.

A secondary goal of boosters is to make robotics a fun and rewarding environment. In the last year we focused more on team bonding and added a Funagins night, incorporated an after competition ice cream tradition, and provided meals to students and mentors at competition events.

Future Initiatives:

Our goal is to continue growing Whiteford's robotics program by expanding opportunities in both STEM and business, and by strengthening the team's technical capabilities. We plan to achieve this through continued development of our middle school programs and by investing in key equipment for the high school team — including a CNC machine and CAD integration — to give students hands-on experience with industry-level tools and skills.

As robots and AI continue to grow in business and our everyday lives, we want Whiteford to be a place where curiosity and learning in these fields can thrive. How does technology or AI show up in your everyday life?

Whiteford Robotics, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As of Aug 31, 2026

	Total
Bank Accounts	
5/3 BUSINESS CHECKING	41,487.23
Cash	729.00
Venmo	58.56
Total for Bank Accounts	**$42,274.79**

	YTD 2026-27	Budget 2026-27
Revenue		
Contributed Income		
50/50 Raffle Income	529.00	1,200.00
Corporate & foundation grants		500.00
Donations	7,149.00	37,500.00
Fundraising		1,000.00
Rally Rags	10.00	0.00
Total Contributed Income	**$ 7,688.00**	**$ 40,200.00**
Student Competition Fees		
Food-Hotel Fees	90.00	1,250.00
Total Student Competition Fees	**$ 90.00**	**$ 1,250.00**
Other Income		
Total Revenue	**$ 7,778.00**	**$ 41,450.00**
Gross Income	**$ 7,778.00**	**$ 41,450.00**
Expenditures		
Direct Support		
Marketing		500.00
Entry Fees	550.00	6,000.00
Food and Meals		
Competition		3,000.00
Kick off		150.00
Other		0.00
States		2,500.00
Summer Competition	756.34	
Total Food and Meals	**$ 756.34**	**$ 3,150.00**
Rally Rags		
Sponcor Draft		1,500.00
Fundraising Expenses	**$ 0.00**	**$ 1,500.00**
Hotels and Transportation		
Competition		2,250.00
States		4,500.00
Total Hotels and Transportation	**$ 0.00**	**$ 6,750.00**
Parts/Components	646.08	6,000.00
Scolarships		1,500.00
Team Shirts/Patches/Bottles		1,000.00
Tools and Equipment	500.00	20,000.00
Total Direct Support	**$ 2,452.42**	**$ 46,400.00**
Office expenses		
Bad Debt	0.00	0.00
Bank fees & service charges	3.16	100.00
Memberships and Subscriptions	20.00	100.00
Shipping & postage		
Total Office expenses	**$ 23.16**	**$ 200.00**
Repairs & maintenance	0.00	0.00
Uncategorized Expense	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	**$ 2,475.58**	**$ 46,600.00**
Net Operating Revenue	**$ 5,302.42**	**-$ 5,150.00**
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