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## Wapato High School Robotics Off to Districts

The Robo Sparks (Team 2926), representing the Wapato Robotics and Engineering Club (WREC) at Wapato High School, is taking its engineering talents to the regional stage. The team has officially qualified for the FIRST Robotics Pacific Northwest District Championship, held at Eastern Washington University's Reese Court in Cheney, WA, from tomorrow, April 8 to April 11, 2026.

Following an impressive regular season, highlighted by winning the prestigious "Engineering Inspiration" Award at the SunDome District Even, the Robo Sparks team earned its spot among the top 50 teams from across Washington and Oregon.

"This isn't just about building a robot; it's about problem-solving under pressure and working as a cohesive unit," says Christopher Beyrouthy, Lead Mentor. "The students have spent countless hours refining their robot for the 'REBUILT' season challenge, and we are incredibly proud to represent the Wapato community and Central Washington as the only team from our region at the PNW District Championship."

The Robo Sparks' 2026 robot, designed and programmed entirely by students, will compete in high-stakes matches testing speed, accuracy, and autonomous programming. Success at EWU will punch the team's ticket to the FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas, held April 28 – May 2.

**A Call for Community Support:** While the team's talent is limitless, their current budget is not. Due to financial constraints, WREC is currently only able to send nine students to the District Championship. To send the full 14-student roster and four mentors to the World Championship in Houston, the team needs to raise \$30,000 in the coming weeks. The club is actively seeking sponsors and donations to ensure these talented students do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete on the world stage.

### Event Details:

- What: FIRST Robotics PNW District Championship
- Where: Eastern Washington University, Reese Court, Cheney, WA
- When: April 8 – April 11, 2026
- Who: Robo Sparks (FRC Team 2926)
- The community can follow the team's progress via live streams at [FIRSTWA.org](https://FIRSTWA.org).