

BATTLE OF THE BOTS

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The Southeastern Idaho Lego League hosted a battle of the bots today.

Ashli Kimenker attended the event to watch 18 teams battle for the title of best student-built robot in the area.

Whether their robot was winning or losing.

Everyone was their to have fun.

"I just think it's like really fun because you do a lot of different challenges and meet new people."

This is the third year area schools have competed in this competition so they make sure they are prepared.

"The students have been studying about nanotechnology since mid September and they've been learning about programs, how to build robots, and today they get to see how well their robots actually performed."

"We worked on it an hour a day during 8th hour at school. We stayed after school sometimes, um, we just worked on it as much as we could so we'd be ready."

Not only does the student's regular teacher help out but an engineer under grad from ISU also came to their class to teach them how to build a robot.

Organizers say it is very important that the students receive this kind of help because it makes them excited about learning.

"It's one really great way to make math and science and engineering relevant so all the stuff they're learning in math class, fractions and ratios, is all really important here in terms of building your robot."

The students agree but also say it wouldn't be as much fun without the help of their teachers.

"They make it like really fun and they'll help us because if we miss one then they'll say 'that's ok that's ok, just go on.'"

Witnessing a combination of lego's and teamwork being successful.