



Volunteer run, community-based organization promoting drone-focused STEM programs that spark interest in the drone education & employment pipeline.

2019 ANNUAL SPONSOR DRIVE BEGINS

Why do we need sponsors? Sponsors help us in 2 major ways.

1) Funding allows us to provide no-cost & low-cost interactive STEM exhibits & workshop modules at community events, growing drone tech interest from students, parents & teachers. We receive dozens of new invitations to participate in STEM events each year. We do our best to schedule those that are logistically & financially feasible.

2) Funding helps us further develop & refine ancillary programs that draw attention to drone tech & spark interest in our unique indoor Annual Team Drone Challenge. Sponsorship bolsters our ability to reach out to more schools & community groups and allows us to create new programs needed for us to become self-sufficient.

In 3 years, we've introduced thousands to our area's drone technology education & employment pipeline. Our goal is to continue to drive interest to the many STEM-related opportunities in our region at the lowest possible cost to participants. We do so with continued help from annual sponsors who support our volunteer efforts.

FOREST FURY MAKING HISTORY!

Registrations are filling fast for FOREST FURY, our 2019, Team Drone Challenge. **We're 95% full!** We anticipate a 16 team, 2-field competition. We may move to a waitlist before year's end. New middle & high school teams can form for less than \$600, including our \$75 Registration fee! Don't delay! Now is the time to act before we close out our event! This season will likely be the last with a single competition location as hosting packages have already been requested to bring additional competitions to locations in and around New York State. FOREST FURY Registrations are accepted via PO or PayPal at: <https://www.CNYDrones.org>. Contact us anytime, & we'll guide you through the process or get you started for next season!



FOREST FURY Team Welcome Livestream Event – Monday, Jan 7th

Registered teams & those curious about how our competition works – join us as members of our Planning Committee gather for a YouTube Livestream discussion on Monday evening, January 7, 2019, 6:30-7:30pm. We'll be sharing improvements for this season & answering questions about first-time builds. Be sure to check in – even if for a few minutes so we can connect & get you in touch with mentors as well as other teams. We hope to offer more Livestreams, including one on what to expect on competition day. Let us know what you think!



STEM CHAMPIONS WELCOMED & APPRECIATED!!!

Ideas, volunteers & sponsors all help us provide our annual drone challenge & supporting programs! Get involved – be a champion!



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CNY Drones @RoboSpartans Robotics operates as an AMA member run group, graciously hosted under the 501(c)3 of the Griffiss Institute in cooperation with great community resources. We gladly accept monetary & non-monetary donations as well as new volunteers.

EXPECT MORE IN 2019!

As we move officially into Year 4, we'll be testing out new methods of outreach to help even more students, teachers, & tech-minded adults. We're determined to contribute to one of the fastest growing segments of the regional economy. Our existence continues to benefit students, schools, colleges & tech employers. We're creating new modules for individual presentation as well as mixed programs that blend our tested interactive exhibits with mini-competitions. As we begin to plan our 2020 Team Drone Challenge, we're looking at new competition sites to spoke-off of our hub location at SUNY Polytechnic in Utica. We look forward to an exciting year of growth! Check our website calendar & social media for new events! CNYDrones.org

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FOREST FURY EVENT VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Have a group that would like to volunteer for this season's Team Drone Challenge? Contact us: CNYDrones@gmail.com We'll put you in touch with event hosts, SUNY AMA UMASC 18104. Three CGAM student clubs will be working together to run the event. They'd appreciate support from any other group wishing to assist with set-up, take-down or any day of event tasks that help keep the event flowing on both fields. No experience required.



HELP US WITH 2020 FARM-i-GEDDON PLANNING

Working with drones in agriculture? We need you! Starting in January, we'll be holding Google Hangouts to begin planning of our **2020 Team Drone Challenge: Farm-i-Geddon**. Planning will continue through August 2019. We appreciate all ideas & input!

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR 2019

To help streamline operations & help reduce clutter in your mailbox, our 2019 Newsletter will now be issued 6 times a year - January, March, May, July, September & November. All up-to-the-minute announcements will continue to be posted on social media & our website. We encourage everyone to subscribe & follow us! CNYDrones.org / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Instagram](#)

WANTED! ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES & GARLAND

As you put up or take down this season's decorations, please think of us! Does your artificial tree shedding more than a real tree? Garland older than your pet? How about donating & recycling with us! We need **green artificial** trees & garland to complete our 2-fields of Forest Fury for our April competition. Bent & broken branches are perfect for us! We're willing to meet up in the Utica/Rome vicinity. Help us create a forest while you upgrade your holiday spirit!



*Help us with monetary & equipment donations,
donor & grant leads, planning assistance & event volunteers!*

We are run by the community, for the community. We invite your ideas! CNYDrones@gmail.com