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Robotics team to represent Oregon at Super-Regional Championship

The Kraxberger Gearheads are on a roll. Of 200 Oregon robotics teams in their division, Team 8132 is among the 14 who will advance to the FTC West Super-Regional Championship in Spokane.

Coached by Shawn and Kelley Price, the team earned their spot by winning the Connect Award for building connections with local engineering, science, and technology partners.

“This is a big deal for these middle schoolers, and an experience they’ll never forget,” said parent Tonya Hirte, whose daughter Lauren is team captain.

The regional competition March 8 to 11 will include 72 teams from 12 western states. The Gladstone team has launched a Go Fund Me campaign to raise the \$4,000 needed for travel costs. To contribute, visit gofundme.com/FTC-West-Super-Regional-Gearheads.

PHOTO: Kraxberger Gearheads team 8132 poses with their robot, “Mr. Roboto,” after advancing to the Super-Regional Championship. Only 14 of 200 Oregon teams achieved the honor.

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Girl Scouts donate to Gladstone Food Pantry

Brownie and Daisy Scouts from Girl Scout Service Unit 11 donated birthday bags to the Gladstone Food Pantry. Each bag contained a cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, and party decorations.

Delivering the donation gave the scouts the opportunity to tour the food pantry, and discuss their plans to start a garden so they can donate fresh vegetables this summer.

PHOTO: Girl Scout Service Unit 11 donated to the Gladstone Food Pantry. The troop includes Alaina Brougher, Daphne Scherer, Brianna Brougher, Cassidy Nelson, and Autumn Brown.

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PHOTO: Kraxberger seventh graders Carver Mellema and Dyllon Haines clean donated books for the Clackamas Bookshelf, a Gladstone non-profit that provides free books to low-income students across Clackamas County. The service project was part of the school’s AVID program, which prepares students for the rigor of high school and college learning.

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