

About Us

History

RobotCity Workshop was founded in 2008 as a headquarters for robot enthusiasts and hobbyists in Chicago. We quickly expanded to include our younger generations of robot fans by specializing in build-it-yourself robot kits. In order to guide these young students in building their kits and giving them some science fundamentals, we began offering in store workshops.

In addition to the beginner workshops, a few specialty classes emerged, including a soldering workshop and a two-part microcontroller workshop. These classes are popular with both teens and adults, and have given students new skills that will serve them well towards designing and building their own robotic creations or even a head start towards a career in technology.

By popular request of the families attending our workshops, we added robot birthday parties to our offerings shortly after our first year of business. Originally these took place only in our store, but have grown to include offsite parties as well. Just for the adults, we have also added an interactive robot building event called Robot Date Night on weekends as a fun, unique experience.

Given our enthusiasm for sharing robot knowledge, it was a natural progression for us to start an afterschool program where students would be able to learn about robotic science in a weekly class. Our first season, in the spring of 2010, included classes at three different schools in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago. In the years since then, this program has grown to include more than 40 class offerings at more than 30 schools throughout the Chicagoland area. Our age range has expanded from grades 2-5 to pre-kindergarten through high school, and we run afterschool classes and camps in a number of suburbs.

As we continue to grow, we pride ourselves on maintaining the high standards with which we started. We are happy to offer engaging, educational, and exciting enrichment programs taught by knowledgeable instructors, and judge our success by the interest and enthusiasm in science, technology, and robots that we are able to instill in our students.

Philosophy

Robot building provides students with a fun and exciting way to dive into the world of science. We take a “learn by doing” approach to our classes, which allow students work with their hands, develop dexterity, use logical reasoning and have pride with their accomplishments. Our classes get students excited about science and technology and show them how it is being used to usher in the future!