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In the top photo, Tobia Graziani (left) and his teammate, seven-year-old Austin Fearon (second from left) prepare to face Daniel Wolff (white ball cap) in a tug-of-war competition at the recent Georgetown Youth Robotic Odyssey's summer camp held at St. George's Anglican Church. At right, Graziani and onlookers are thrilled and relieved that his robot wasn't pulled into the "lava pit" in the centre of the table, even though Wolff won the match.



Photos by Eamonn Maher

Robot use increases children's technological literacy

Georgetown Youth Robotic Odyssey vision is to increase the technological literacy of children and robotics summer camps are a great way for children to learn engineering outside the traditional classroom setting.

More than 70 students (aged 7 to 15 years old) attended the four weeks of summer camps and learned about the challenges, science and excitement behind engineering amazing autonomous robots.

The Tug-of-War Challenge is a tournament-style competition. Six teams competed on the RCX Lego Mindstorms side and three teams competed on the NXT Lego Mindstorms side. The aim is to

pull the other robot into the lava pit in less than two minutes.

NXT is the newest more advanced Lego Mindstorms. It came out last year. The RCX has been around for 10 years.

Daniel Wolff won the RCX Gold Medal and Tobia Graziani and Austin Fearon won the RCX Silver Medal. Adam Hollings and Riley Harris won the NXT Gold Medal. Robert Stepner and Mitchell Laarhuis won the NXT Silver Medal.

G.Y.R.O. will be back next summer for a sixth year. For more information on the Georgetown Youth Robotic Odyssey Summer Camps, visit <http://home.cogeco.ca/~gyro.camp/>

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