

# “Techie Ten”

## Robotics Team Competes in St. Louis First Lego League Competition



The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois achieved another milestone on Jan. 9 as its “Techie Ten” robotics team from Neoga competed in the First Lego League regional competition in St. Louis. Although the team didn’t win any trophies, they competed well, had great teamwork and spirit, made some new friends and had lots of fun. And, that is quite an accomplishment for a team who only joined the robot revolution a mere few months ago.

WALL-E, the name the girls lovingly gave to their robot, didn’t perform as well as the Techie Ten had hoped. In fact, halfway through the competition, the girls from Troop #2335 began calling him “Crazy WALL-E.” What the girls lacked in technical experience and time working with their robot, they made up for with team spirit, enthusiasm and dedication to having a good time.

The judges were very impressed with the girls’ responses to their questions. And one judge chuckled admiringly in response to his question about how the girls broke out tasks related to building and programming the robot and planning for the competition. The girls’ response, “We all worked together and everyone had input...after all, we are Girl Scouts.”

Now that their first regional competition is over, the girls all agree that they can’t wait until next year. Angie Worthey and Dawn Albin are Troop #2335 leaders and robot mentors. Super job Techie Ten...and congratulations on being the first Girl Scout robotic team for GSSI.

