



CREW'S NEWS

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Winter 2026
Economic Explorer
Ages 10-15

The Winter Warm-Up

The snow crunched beneath their boots as the Crew—Nick, Penny, Bev, Daniel, Jem, Brian, and Marie—arrived at the Winter Tech Fair. They were excited to enter the Snowbot Challenge, where teams built mini robots to race across icy tracks.

They rushed to the registration booth, but paused. “Wait... we need to pay the entry fee!” Nick said.

Each friend had brought \$4.50, so together they had:

$$\$4.50 \times 7 = \$______ \text{ (total)}$$

“The entry fee is \$40,” Penny said, checking the sign. “Let’s figure out how much more we need,” Daniel suggested.

$$\$40 - \$______ = \$______ \text{ (more needed)}$$

Just then, they saw a flyer:

“Earn \$3.75 for every robot part you help sort!”

They sorted 5 bins of parts, working quickly and carefully.

$$\$3.75 \times 5 = \$______ \text{ (earned)}$$

They added their earnings to their original amount:

$$\$______ + \$______ = \$______ \text{ (total)}$$

“Hooray! We have enough!” Jem cheered. They paid the fee and had \$_____ left over, which they saved for snacks.

As their Snowbot zipped across the track, they cheered and high-fived, proud of their teamwork and ready for the next winter adventure. They put their extra money into their savings account for future adventures.

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ANSWERS: 31.50, 31.50, 8.50, 18.75, 31.50, 18.75, 50.25, 10.25

Let's Plan!

Complete your activity & bring it to any Gateway Metro Federal branch by February 28th, 2026 to **get \$5 deposited into your savings account and pick a prize from our treasure chest!** Child must be present to receive incentive.

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Teller Number: _____ Branch: _____

Youth's Name: _____

Youth's Account Number: _____

You have \$50 to spend on a fun winter day with friends. Circle your choices from the list below and make sure you stay within budget!

Activity Options:

Ice skating- \$12

Snow tubing- \$15

Hot cocoa & snacks- \$8

Winter gear rental (boots, gloves, coat)- \$10

Souvenir photo- \$5

Snow maze entry- \$6

Snowball arena- \$9

YOUR TOTAL MONEY SPENT \$ _____

Bonus Challenge: Write a short paragraph describing your perfect winter day using the activities you chose!
