

*"I realized that when I'm in leadership mode, it's never about me; it's always about the people I'm leading."*

## The Project

I went to Slovakia as an assistant team manager for the junior U.S. Spacemodeling Team for the 2012 World Spacemodeling Championship.

During the week-long competition, I devoted my time and energy toward assisting the junior team members as they competed in their various events.



## The Inspiration

Model rocketry has been a family hobby for the past ten years. In 2010 we attended our first world championship in Serbia, and I thought I could contribute this year as a team manager rather than a competitor.

## The Challenges

During the competition, the team had challenges that I helped overcome, such as engine malfunctions, running out of wadding, needing different igniters, etc., but the biggest challenge was carrying on and fulfilling my management role during the competition.



## Benefit to Others

Ultimately, two of the US teams earned fourth place, and a member of the junior team earned an individual bronze. I hope that my service and efforts helped contribute to that success.



## Benefit to Myself

This project taught me a lot about patience, teaching, and leading. As a future educator, these are valuable skills that I can use in my career.

