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## Championship is bigger than ever!



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## **Two FIRST® Championship Events Include:**

- 1,000,000+ volunteer hours
- Over 2,000 volunteers
- 4 Programs
- 5 Venues
- 1400 teams

## **Overview of Venues**



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## George R. Brown Convention Center 1001 Avenida De Las Americas Houston, TX

#### **Programs:**

- FIRST<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition <u>Schedule</u>
- FIRST<sup>®</sup> Tech Challenge <u>Schedule</u>
- FIRST<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League <u>Schedule</u>
- FIRST<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League Jr. <u>Schedule</u>

#### **More Information:**

George R. Brown Convention Center website



## **Overview of Venues**



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## Minute Maid Park 501 Crawford St. Houston, TX

#### **Programs:**

- FIRST Robotics Competition Finals
- FIRST Tech Challenge Finals
- FIRST Championship Top Awards
- FIRST Finale

More Information: Minute Maid Park website



## **Discovery Green – Welcome** Party



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### Thursday, April 20, 2017 6 – 9 p.m.

Discovery Green will host the FIRST Championship Welcome Party sponsored by NRG

- Activities throughout the park from mainstage acts, to activity booths and roving entertainment.
- Food trucks will line the streets
- Admission is free to all registered *FIRST* participants, bring your badge.



## Mobile App: FIRST Championship

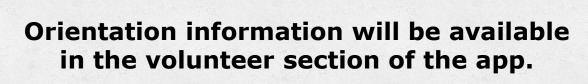


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## Before Arriving: Consent & Release



#### My FIRST Account

LogOut

Your Profile

#### VIMS

About You

Expertise

Volunteer Role Applications

Terms & Conditions

Consent & Release

Background Screening Info

- You can download or sign the form electronically on the Volunteer Information & Matching System at <u>www.firstinspires.org/VIMS</u>
- Select "Consent & Release" from the left hand navigation.
- Check the box and click "Ok/Close Form."
- If you do not consent electronically, you will have to fill out a paper form onsite.

## **Before Arriving - Conflict of** *Interest* and *Disclosure Statement*



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- Conflict of Interest Form can be found <u>here</u>.
- Please download, print, and sign to bring to Championship
- Roles that require this form to be signed include:

FLL Volunteer	FTC Volunteer	FRC Volunteer	
Positions	Positions	Positions	
<ul> <li>Head Referee</li> <li>Judge</li> <li>Judge Advisor</li> <li>Referee</li> <li>Scorekeeper</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Control System Advisor</li> <li>Dean's List Interviewer</li> <li>Dean's List Reviewer</li> <li>Field Inspector</li> <li>Field Manager</li> <li>Field Technical Advisor</li> <li>Head Referee</li> <li>Judge</li> <li>Judge Advisor</li> <li>Referee</li> <li>Robot Inspector</li> <li>Scorekeeper</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dean's List Judge Manager</li> <li>Dean's List Award Judge</li> <li>Field Supervisor</li> <li><i>FIRST</i> Technical Advisor</li> <li>Head Referee</li> <li>Inspection Manager</li> <li>Judge</li> <li>Judge Advisor</li> <li>Lead Robot Inspector</li> <li>Referee</li> <li>Robot Inspector</li> <li>Safety Advisor</li> <li>Scorekeeper</li> <li>Team Queuer</li> </ul>	



## **Badging On-Site**



#### If you registered with Experient before arriving:

- Print your personalized Barcode and bring to Championship
- Bring Photo ID
- Scan Barcode and Experient will ready your badge on-site

#### If you did not register with Experient before arriving:

- Bring Photo ID
- If possible, print your assignment email
- Register (confirm your information) with Experient on site



#### If you have not received an email from Experient, but are assigned in VIMS:

Please email volunteer@firstinspires.org

## Volunteer Registration – What to expect



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#### What you should receive at Volunteer Registration:

- Championship Volunteer Name Badge
- Championship Volunteer T-Shirt
- Championship Volunteer Pin
- Volunteer Gift
- Program Specific Material



Volunteer registration can be found on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

## **General Volunteer Information**



#### Lost & Found:

- Lost and Found near the Lobby, first floor by Hall E.
- Contact info for lost items after the event: 1-713-853-8000 or <u>online</u>.
  - Items are held onsite for 30 days
- General inquiries email: <u>volunteer@firstinspires.org</u>

## **Volunteer Parking**



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## Parking

- Parking is a gated lot off of Clay Street.
- Your Volunteer Coordinator will contact you with the gate code.
- Parking is free. First come, first serve

## **General Volunteer Info** *continued*



#### **Personal Items**

 Coat Room is available, don't leave valuables. It is NOT staffed, leave items at your own risk.

#### If you cannot carry it, please don't bring it.

#### Volunteer Café - open to all championship event volunteers

- Please see schedule for meals
- Snacks and Beverages throughout the day
- Room: 362



## **General Volunteer Info** *continued*



#### **Volunteer Attire**

- Attire worn by volunteers should be comfortable and volunteer roles should be easily done in attire.
- Attire should be clean and appropriate.
- Attire should reflect Gracious Professionalism, please take pride in what you wear.

#### Wi-Fi Availability

- Wi-Fi for volunteers will be available when and where it is possible, ask at Registration for more details dependent on location and venue.
- Volunteers are encouraged to access Wi-Fi in the volunteer lounge at any time

## **Rules Inside All Venues**



- <u>Safety glasses</u> MUST be worn at all times in the fields and pit, nonreflective only.
- <u>Closed toed shoes</u> must be worn in the team work areas (by volunteers and visitors).
- Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times while they are at the event.
- Please be sure to have another responsible adult take care of any children in your care. You are not allowed to volunteer while taking care of a child.
- Please limit phone use to break times.



## **Incidents & Emergencies**



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- In case of an incident which should be reported (medical or non-medical), talk to your Volunteer Coordinator (VC).
  - Incident report forms are located at Pit Admin.
- In case of an emergency, please evacuate with the teams and guests!



## **Discounted Metro Passes**



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- FIRST has negotiated discounted
   public transit Metro Passes valid April
   16 April 23
- Online ordering can be completed <u>here</u>.
- Discounted Metrolink passes can only be purchased online.

## Main Point of Contact – FIRST Robotics Competition



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#### **FIRST** Robotics Competition

Volunteer Coordinators - assigned to pit & field areas

- These individuals are your go-to contact (Point Person) throughout the event and will manage your breaks.
- They are in light blue polo shirts.
- Touch base with your Point Person before leaving for the day.
- Have to miss a shift? Call (314) 669-4865
  - please include your first and last name, program, role, and detailed message.
- You may also be managed by a lead volunteer who will guide you through your role.

## Main Point of Contact – FIRST LEGO® League



- Contact prior to Arriving: Kathy Levine (<u>klevine@firstinspires.org</u>)
- At the Event
  - Refer to your pre-event information packet that you received by email.
  - Or reach out to Kathy Levine to learn who your Point of Contact is and where to report each day.
  - Touch base with your Point of Contact before leaving for the day.
  - Have to miss a shift? Please call Kathy Levine, number provided in the pre-event information packet.

## Main Point of Contacts – FIRST Tech Challenge



#### Vince Frascella, Volunteer Coordinator

- Contact prior to event or off-hours via <u>vincent.frascella@baesystems.com</u> During the event (or if going to be late/absent), call or text (862) 432-1526
- Please include your first and last name, program, role, and message.
- During the event, Vince (wearing light blue Volunteer Coordinator shirt) will be circulating between the Pits and the Fields
  - You will also have a Lead Volunteer (e.g., Head Referee, Judge Advisor, Field Manager, Pit Admin Lead) who will provide you with support, as needed.
  - Touch base with the Lead Volunteer, or Vince, at day's end to be sure of your start time for the next day.
- If unable to see or text Vince at the event, touch base with Pit Admin. They will always know how to get in contact.

## Main Points of Contact -FIRST LEGO League Jr.



Jillian Mordarski (jmordarski@firstinspires.org)

- The point of contact for each position will be assigned at the Event
- Refer to your pre-event information packet you will receive one week prior to the event.
- Reach out to Jillian Mordarski during the event via the FIRST LEGO League Jr. Information Area
- Touch base with your Point of Contact before leaving for the day.
- Have to miss a shift? Please call or email Jillian Mordarski, number provided in the pre-event information packet.

## **Volunteer Café Hours** Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Room #362



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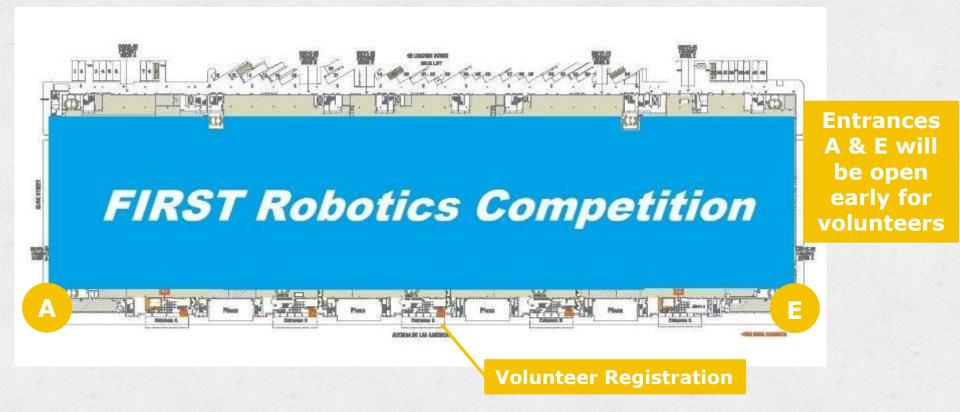
Tuesday 4/18	Wednesday 4/19	Thursday 4/20	Friday 4/21	Saturday 4/22
Breakfast:	Breakfast:	Breakfast:	Breakfast:	Breakfast:
6:00 AM – 9:00 AM	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM	6:00 AM – 9:00 AM
	AM Break:	AM Break:	AM Break:	AM Break:
	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	PM Break: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	PM Break: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	PM Break: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Dinner: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Volunteer Night Out: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner: vouchers for Minute Maid Park

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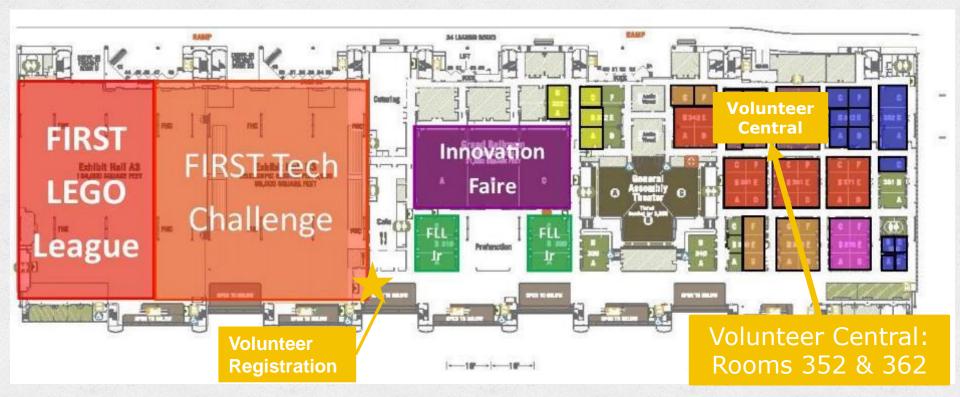


## George R. Brown – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor



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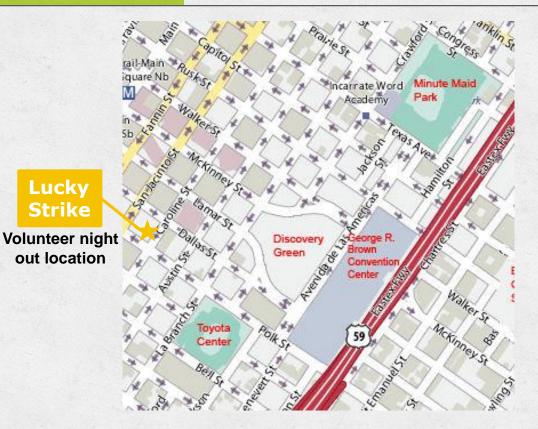
## **Campus Map**



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Hotel greeters will be at the airport to hand out maps and information!





## **Volunteer Night Out**



Friday, April 21, 2017 6-9 p.m. Lucky Strike 1201 San Jacinto St Houston, TX http://www.bowlluckystrike.com/locations/houston/



In appreciation of all the hard work from our Championship volunteers, please join us in celebration at the Houston Lucky Strike! Stop by to relax, bowl, enjoy some food, and share a few stories with the *FIRST* Volunteer Family!

- You **MUST** bring your badge.
- This event is for Championship Volunteers.
- Please RSVP to the link sent to your email to let us know if you'll be joining us.

## **Innovation Faire**



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#### Innovative! Hands-On! Fun! Open Wed - Fri

Join us for a Maker Faire-inspired area featuring *FIRST* Sponsors, Alliances, Suppliers, Scholarship Providers, and other Special Guests. All *FIRST* Championship attendees are encouraged to participate in the *FIRST* Innovation Faire, where attendees can receive exciting giveaways, witness new technology demonstrations, and participate in fun, hands-on activities for all ages.

Click here for more information.

## **Alumni Mixer**

31:44

HOUSTON

April 20



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#### JOIN US TO MEET AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW FIRST ALUMNI FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

Light appetizers provided.

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George R. Brown Convention Center - Level 3 (Outside of the Innovation Faire)

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#### ST. LOUIS

Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel Statler Ballroom (Level one)

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO Rene Haro, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 1538, for the Alumni Mixer poster design.

7:30 PM Central

Alumni

Mixer

ST. LOUIS

April 27

## **Closing Ceremony and Finale**



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## Saturday, April 22

4 – 8 p.m.

#### **Minute Maid Park**

- YOU MUST HAVE YOUR BADGE, to get into the park
- Seating is first come first serve



## Resources



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- Please email <u>volunteer@firstinspires.org</u> or call 800-871-8326 for information or questions.
- Find general info about *FIRST* at: <u>www.firstinspires.org</u>
- Find general information for *FIRST* Championship at: <u>www.firstchampionship.org</u>
- Find general *FIRST* Volunteer Resources and forms at:

www.firstinspires.org/resourcelibrary/volunteer/general-volunteer-resources

 Find general Houston visitor information at: <u>https://www.visithoustontexas.com/</u>



