Date: March 31, 2017 Subject: Email #5: *FIRST*[®] LEGO[®] League World Festival at the *FIRST*[®] Championship – Houston – Pre-Order Lunch Forms – Consent and Release -Team Pictures

Dear World Festival Teams:

We are excited to welcome you to the $FIRST^{\mbox{\ensuremath{\mathbb{B}}}}$ LEGO[®] League World Festival at the $FIRST^{\mbox{\ensuremath{\mathbb{B}}}}$ Championship in Houston, Texas, USA on April 19 – 22, 2017! Below is information that may be helpful to you and your team as you plan your trip.

Items in green are specifically for teams **outside** the United States and Canada.

Items in blue are specifically for United States and Canadian teams.

Items in yellow require action by ALL teams.

This is the **5th email blast** for the *FIRST*[®] LEGO[®] League World Festival at the *FIRST*[®] Championship in Houston. If your team has recently registered and missed the previous email blast, you will be able to view archived PDF versions <u>here.</u>

Lunch Pre-Orders



The George R. Brown Convention Center will offer teams the convenience of pre-ordering lunches for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

You can pre-order lunches for your team by filling out the lunch form found <u>here.</u>

You will need to fax your completed order to 713-853-8188 or Scan & Email: <u>brock-madeline@aramark.com</u>

Questions? Contact Madeline Brock at 713-853-8161

Championship Website

• Take some time to look over the *FIRST* Championship website where you will find lots of information including schedules, maps of venues and other *FIRST* Program details: <u>https://www.firstchampionship.org/first-lego-league-houston</u>

FIRST® and GET Sports

Once again, *FIRST* has partnered with GET Sports to provide assistance with all your travel needs to the 2017 *FIRST* Championship!

- Whether you need help with air flights, charter busses, rental cars, or shuttles, GET Sports has a solution for you.
- This year they have added some additional services for your convenience, including meal deals at local restaurants, tours and attractions, and travel insurance. They even have some great fundraising solutions! And they aren't all business either!

GET Sports has also partnered with some of the great local attractions to provide activities for teams in their spare time. Be sure to check out these options by visiting their website at http://gettravel.com/2017-first-robotics-championship-houston/

Women in STEM

The 4th Annual "Women in STEM, a fun, interactive panel discussion happening at both Championship locations this year. Dynamic women panelists, from a variety of industries and in various stages of their careers, will take your questions about careers, college, working in STEM fields, and more. Everyone is welcome. Friday, April 21st 11:00am to 1:00pm, Room 370 E&F (3rd Level)

This is a very popular event so arrive early to get a seat

Picture perfect: Send us a picture of your team's favorite moment from the ANIMAL ALLIESSM season – meeting, competing or getting ready to come to *FIRST*® Championship! We'll use the photos in a special slideshow at the event.

- File format: JPG file, high resolution picture (preferably at least 2 MB in size)
- Send to: <u>Dan Maggio</u> <u>dmaggio@firstinspires.org</u>
- **Deadline:** Monday, April 10, 5 p.m. ET.

Please label your photo with your Team Name as follow:

Houston teams: HOU-TeamName.jpg (For example, HOU-Roboteers.jpg)

Please see the reminders below – they are still important!

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Reminders:

• Consent and Release Forms --- Action REQUIRED

Please email your team's signed Consent and Release forms - English version can be found <u>here</u> and Spanish version <u>here</u> to <u>fllwf@firstinspires.org</u>, for all outside United States and Canadian teams and for any team member or coach from the United States or Canada that does not have an electronic version on file with *FIRST*.

• Traveling Abroad? – Action May Be Required

Teams traveling from outside of the United States and who need assistance to secure visas should contact us as soon as possible. Email <u>fllwf@firstinspires.org</u> to get individualized official letters if needed to help speed the visa process along.

- World Festival Welcome and Travel Information Reference Email #1 here: <u>https://www.firstchampionship.org/sites/default/files/first-lego-league/20170223-</u> wfhouston-email1-welcome-travel.pdf
- Competition Information Reference Email #2 here: <u>https://www.firstchampionship.org/sites/default/files/first-lego-league/20170301-</u> wfhouston-2ndemail-competitioninformation.pdf
- Judging Information Reference Email #3 here: <u>https://www.firstchampionship.org/sites/default/files/first-lego-league/20170309-</u> <u>wfhouston-email3-judging.pdf</u>
- Robot Game Information Reference Email #4 here: <u>https://www.firstchampionship.org/sites/default/files/first-lego-league/20170322-</u> <u>wfhouston-email4.pdf</u>

As always, please direct your inquiries to <u>fllwf@firstinspires.org</u>.

Go Teams!

With High 5's and Admiration, WF Team Support