



# **FIRST<sup>®</sup> CHAMPIONSHIP**

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# 2023 Championship Volunteer Orientation

April 11, 2023, 8pm EST



**This is all possible  
thanks to every one  
of you.**

**THANK YOU!**



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## Orientation Topics:



- ✓ Overview of Championship 2023
- ✓ Before You Go
- ✓ Travel & Arrival
- ✓ George R. Brown Convention Center Overview
- ✓ Volunteer Registration
- ✓ Volunteer Central
- ✓ Volunteer Information
- ✓ Onsite Points of Contact



# Overview of Championship

2023





# Welcome!

## 2023 *FIRST* Championship Houston

- Over 984 teams
  - FLL Explore: 60
  - FLL Challenge: 108
  - FTC: 192
  - FRC: 624





## Volunteers Expected at Championship

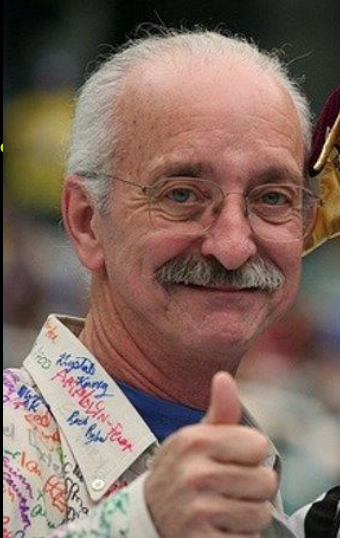


- *FIRST* LEGO League Explore: 30
- *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge: 125
- *FIRST* Tech Challenge: 300
- *FIRST* Robotics Competition: 850
- Other Areas: 30

Total Volunteers Anticipated: 1300-1350



## **Gracious Professionalism® and Customer Service**



*...Gracious Professionalism is part of pursuing a meaningful life - Woodie Flowers*

- A way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community
- Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process
- Team and any Championship attendees are customers  
Treat them all with *Gracious Professionalism*



# Before You Go



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## Before You Go-*Find out what you need to know!*



- [FIRST Championship Houston Event Guide](#)
- [Event Schedule Overview](#)
- [Volunteer Event Guide](#)
- Volunteer Orientation
  - Go to [www.firstchampionship.org/volunteer](http://www.firstchampionship.org/volunteer) for:
    - PDF of Volunteer Orientation slides
    - Recording of webinar
- [2023 FIRST Championship App](#)



## Mobile App: 2023 *FIRST* Championship

Free Mobile Application Name:

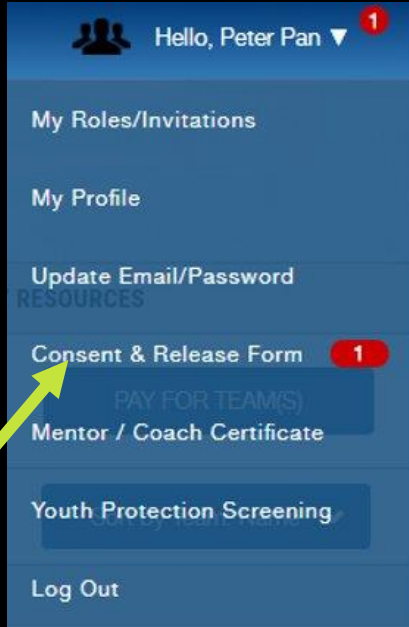
2023 *FIRST* Championship

Available in:

- Apple Store
- Google Play Store



## Consent & Release Form



- Sign the Consent & Release Form electronically in your *FIRST* account: <http://my.firstinspires.org/Dashboard>
- Log into your account and select 'Consent & Release Form' from the profile menu in the upper right-hand corner
- Click 'Accept' at the bottom of the form
- We strongly encourage volunteers to fill out the form electronically, but paper copies will be available onsite

## What Should You Pack?

Before you go, print out:

- ☐ Your schedule
- ☐ Conference Direct registration Confirmation email
- ☐ Volunteer parking pass (if applicable)

- ☐ Volunteer shirts will be provided
  - ☐ Please bring a few undershirts
- ☐ 2-3 pairs of comfortable shoes
  - ☐ Should be closed toed AND closed back
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Business cards
- ☐ Safety glasses
- ☐ Tiara
- ☐ Suspenders
- ☐ A *can-do* attitude!



## **FIRST** Traditions



✓ **Tiara Friday**

✓ **Suspenders Saturday**

*Join in on the fun with these optional traditions!*

# Travel & Arrival



## Arrival Information

Once you arrive at Houston, you will be responsible for your own ground transport from the airport.

- Renting a vehicle
- Shuttle
- Uber/Lyft/Taxi
- Hotel shuttle (if applicable-contact your hotel for details)

See Appendix for  
transport details  
and pricing

Whatever transportation you chose, reserve ahead of time to ensure you have a ride.



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transport details  
and pricing

## Houston Airport Information

### George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

**Uber/Lyft/Taxi: Outside Baggage Claim and Arrivals-All Terminals**

**Super Shuttle:**

- Advanced reservations highly recommended
- [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)
- Pickup: outside Baggage Claim and Arrivals level, Terminals A, B, C, and E
- Ticket Counters in Terminals A, B, and C in Baggage Claim; Terminal E in Arrivals

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and pricing

## Houston Airport Information

### Hobby Airport (HOU)

**Uber/Lyft: Curb Zone 5 outside Baggage Claim and Arrivals**

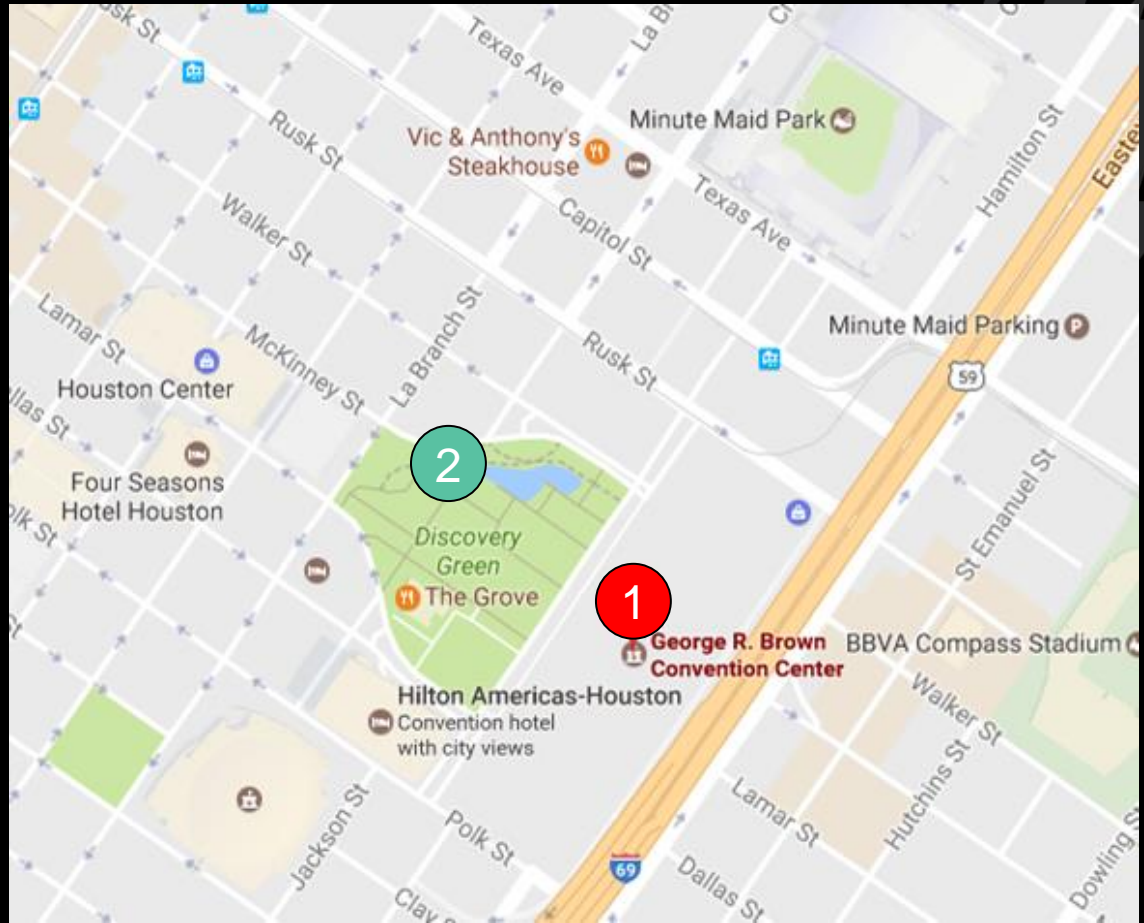
**Taxi: Curb Zone 2 outside Baggage Claim and Arrivals**

**Super shuttle:**

- Advanced reservations highly recommended
- [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)
- Pickup: Curb Zone 1 outside Baggage Claim and Arrivals
- Ticket counter located in Baggage Claim

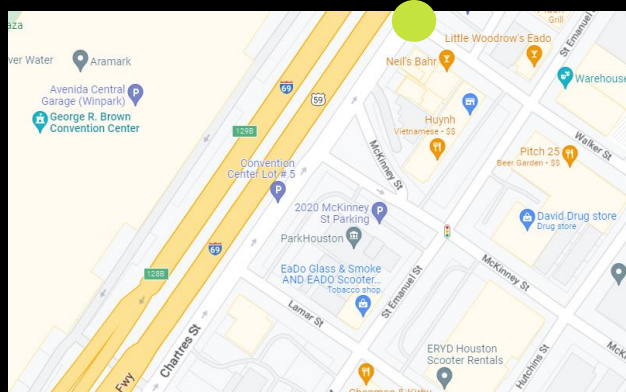
## Area Map

1. George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB)
2. Discovery Green



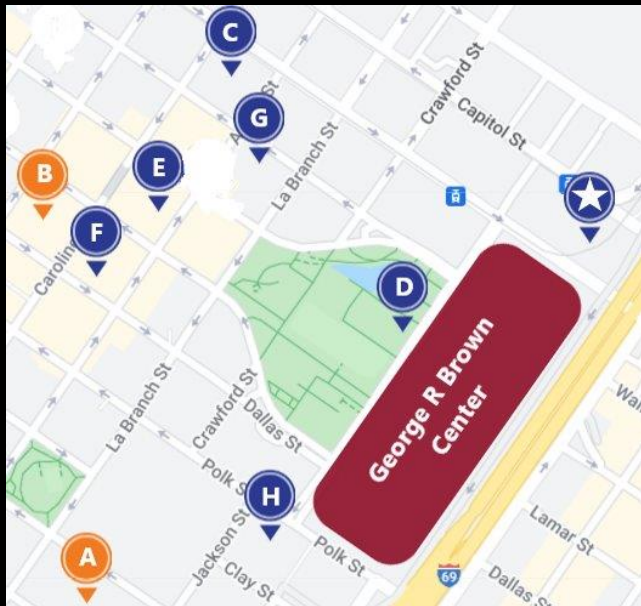
# Volunteer Parking-Limited in 2023 Due to Construction

## FREE PARKING IS LIMITED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!



- Located at the GRB Convention Center loading dock off Chartres
- Enter the loading dock gates by taking a left into the open gate across from Walker St. Off Chartres
- Volunteer Coordinators will send parking passes to volunteers
- **PRINT PASS**. Make sure it is visible on car's dashboard
- Trailers and buses are NOT permitted in the volunteer lot
- Lot open Monday-Saturday from 5:30AM-10PM
- There is no security-**PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK**

## More Volunteer Parking



- A. Toyota Tundra Garage \$10/day**
- B. 111 San Jacinto St. \$18/day**
- C. Houston Center Garage One \$25/day\***
- D. Avenida Central Garage (Discovery Green) \$25/day**
- E. 4 Houston Center East Garage \$22/day\***
- F. Four Seasons Hotel Garage \$25/day**
- G. 5 Houston Center Garage \$25/day**
- H. Avenida South Garage \$32/day**

# Metro Passes




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**POWER** YOUR TRAVELS TO THE  
**2023 FIRST ROBOTICS CONFERENCE**


Conference attendees can now explore our nation's fourth largest city with the **METRO FIRST Robotics Convention Pass**. Enjoy unlimited local bus and light-rail service, April 19 – 22, including travel to destinations across the city.

**Pass Options**

Single Day Pass (Student) - \$1.50	<b>CLICK HERE TO BUY</b>
Single Day Pass (Adult) - \$3.00	



**DAY PASS**



**METRO**  
RideMETRO.org | Call or text 713-635-4000

See Appendix for  
Metro details

[Link for \*FIRST\* Robotics  
Convention Pass](#)

Or

Use the [App](#)



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## Once in Town



- Check into your hotel
- Check in with your program's staff
- Pick up your badge at registration
- Stop by Volunteer Central
  - We have gifts for you!
  - George R. Brown Convention Center, Level Three
- Report to your point of contact on time

# George R. Brown Convention Center Overview

GRB





## Venue Overview: George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB)



### Programs and Schedule:

- *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC)
- *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC)
- *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge (FLL Challenge)
- *FIRST* LEGO League Explore (FLL Explore)

### More Information:

- Convention Center [Website](#)
- 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

## Rules Inside the Venue



*Have fun and be a  
gracious professional.*

- Follow the **FIRST Code of Conduct**
  - Persons who do not comply with this Code of Conduct may be barred from participating in *FIRST* activities
- Have another responsible adult watch any children in your care-you are not allowed to volunteer while taking care of a child
- Please follow the guidelines in the Health and Safety Policy
- Please limit phone use to break times

# Volunteer Entry



Recommended:

- Always enter GRB from the Level Two Hilton Skybridge for fastest entry to GRB
  - Hilton Skybridge opens at 5:30AM
  - Marriott Skybridge and street entrances to GRB open at 6:00AM
- You will not need your badge to access that area
  - You can enter and get to registration to have badge printed or re-printed

For FRC: Once in the building:

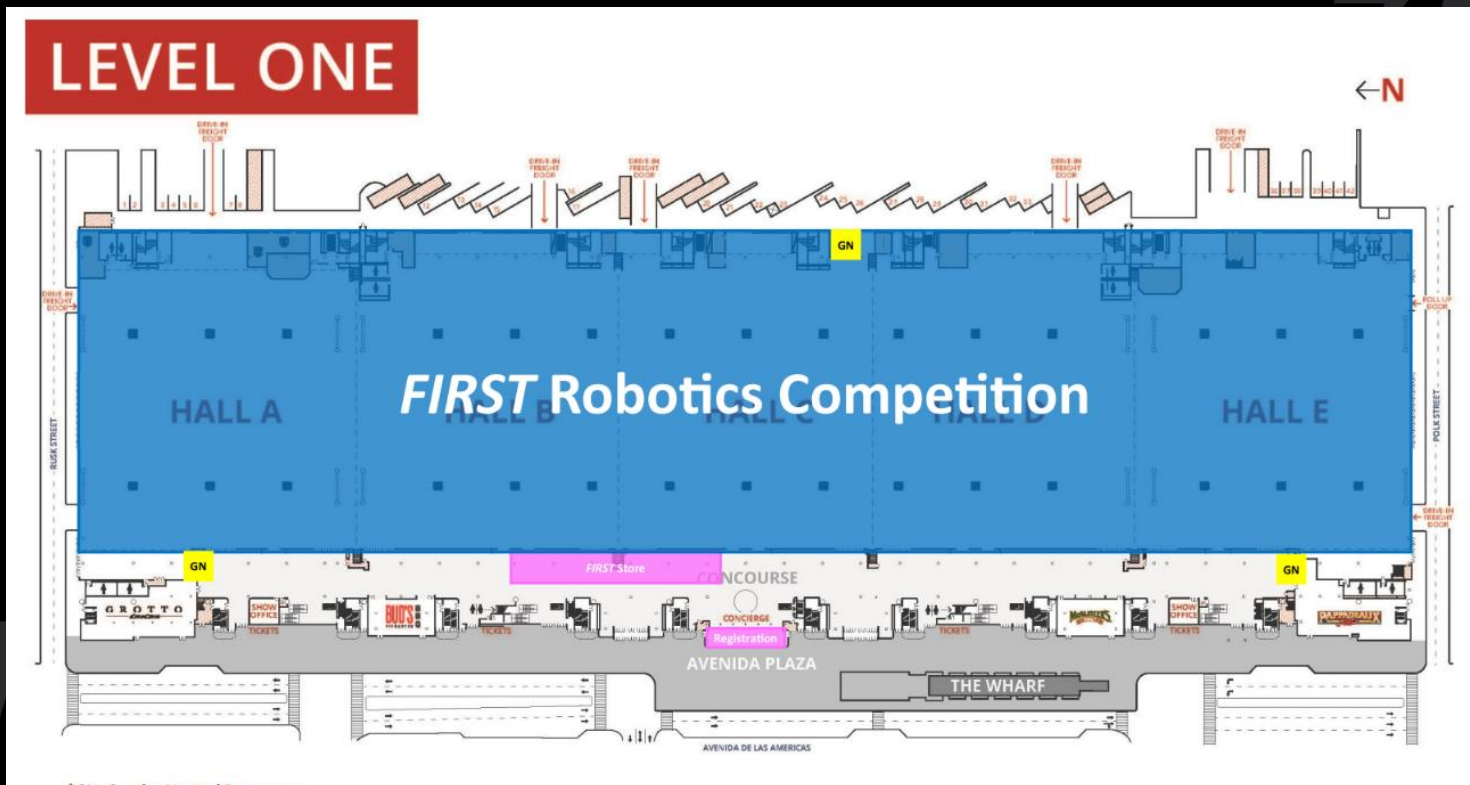
- Two (2) Staff/Volunteer entrances to FRC Halls A-E to allow for earlier and/or easier access
- This access point will need badges



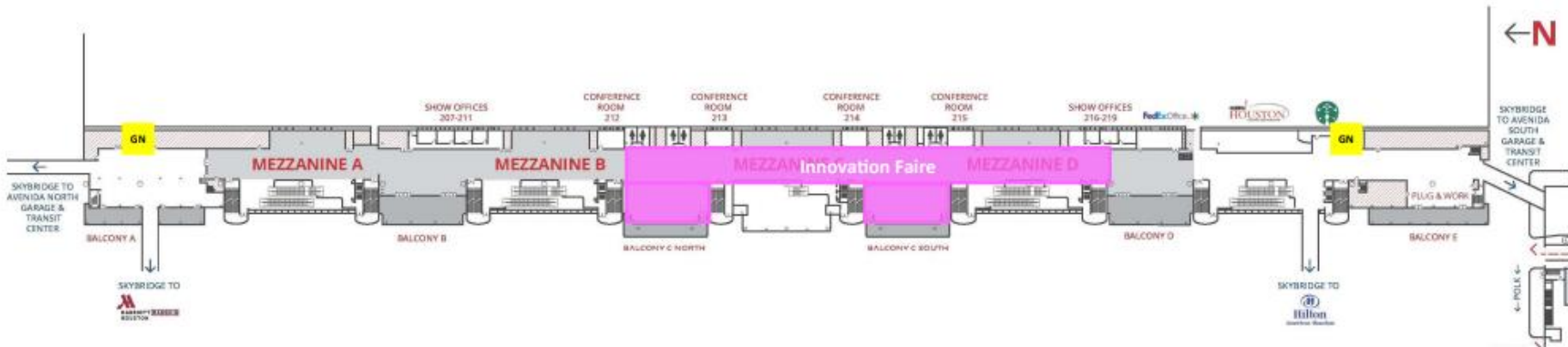


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# GRB Convention Center Level One

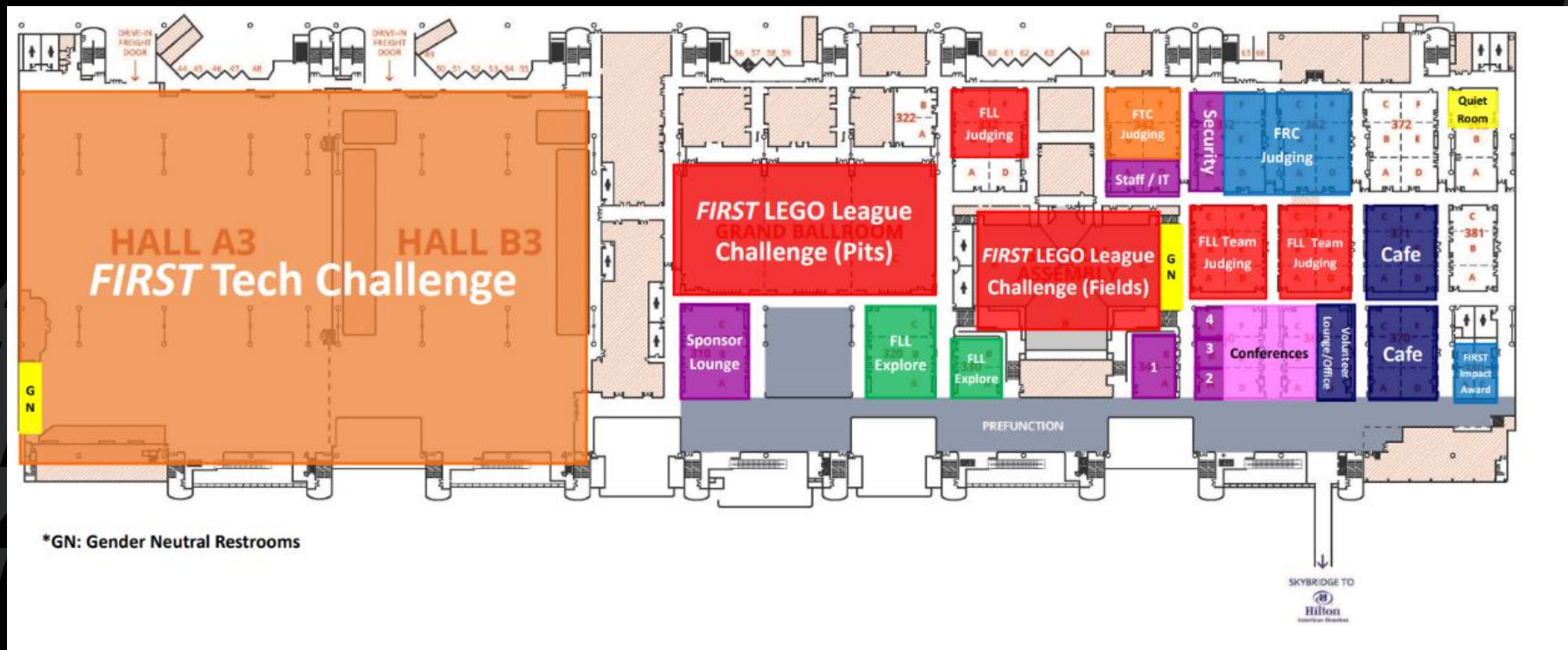


## GRB Convention Center Level Two



\*GN: Gender Neutral Restrooms

## GRB Convention Center Level Three





## Information Hot Spots

### Information Booth:

- Information booth located near Registration on Level One
- Staff & Volunteers to answer questions and provide directions

### Pit Admins:

- The Pit Admins located in each of the four program areas will assist with program-specific questions:
  - FLL Explore 320 A
  - FLL Challenge Grand Ballroom
  - FTC Hall 3A
  - FRC Halls A & E

## Prayer Rooms

Prayer Rooms for volunteers, attendees, teams, mentors, coaches and more will be available:

- Marriot Marquis
- Level Two
- Rooms A&B
- Accessible from GRB, Level Two Skybridge, North of Mezzanine A



## Quiet Room

For those participants who need a quiet space to de-stress and take a break

GRB, Level Three, 382 C

- Wednesday, April 19: 1:00-7:00PM
- Thursday, April 20: 8:00AM-6:00PM
- Friday, April 21: 8:00AM-5:00PM
- Saturday, April 22: 7:30AM-12:00PM

# Volunteer Registration





## What to Expect at Volunteer Registration

### April 18-22

Tuesday 7:00AM - 6:00PM

Wednesday 6:00AM - 8:00PM

Thursday 7:00AM - 6:00PM

Friday 7:00AM - 6:00PM

Saturday 7:00AM - 2:00PM

### Pick up your Volunteer badge at the Registration desk at GRB Level One

- What you will receive at the Volunteer Registration Desk:
  - Championship Volunteer Name Badge
  - Championship Volunteer T-Shirt(s)
  - Championship Volunteer Gift
- **Designated line for volunteers-on the right!**



# What's NEW With Registration

## Improvements to Registration Categories:

- The Hospitality Center on Level Two is now the Innovation Faire
  - **There is no longer a large Hospitality Center**
- No registration category for Special Invited Guests or VIPs
- Each primary stakeholder groups (sponsors, volunteers, staff, etc.) will receive similar amenities: spaces to relax, food, beverage
- **Volunteers** will continue to gather at Volunteer Central with **the most robust food offerings as well as fun prizes, raffles, and giveaways!**





# Satellite Registration

## Satellite Registration is to Expedite the Team Registration Process

- Please note:
  - FLL Explore will not have Satellite Registration
  - FTC and FLL Challenge will be checking in Volunteers at Satellite Registration
  - FRC will NOT be checking in Volunteers at Satellite Registration

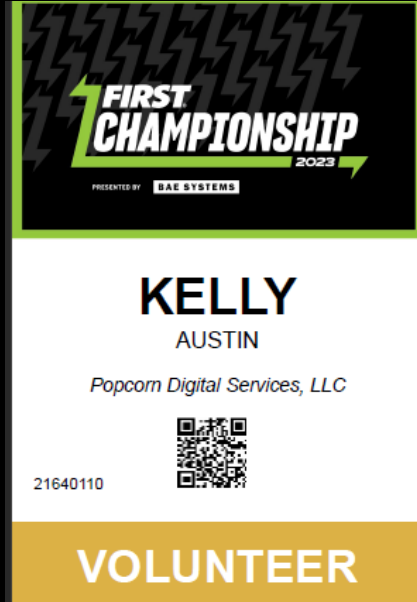
Date:	Program:	Open:	Close:
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	FTC	12:00PM (for volunteers) 3:30PM (for teams)	6:30PM
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	FTC	7:00AM (teams and volunteers)	12:00PM
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	FLL Challenge	11:00AM (for teams) 3:30PM (for volunteers)	4:30PM
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	FRC	8:00AM (teams only)	7:00PM





See Appendix for  
registration RSVP  
details

## What Do You Need for Registration?



**All volunteers should have registered prior to arrival:**

Have **your personalized barcode** or the email registration confirmation printed or already pulled up on your phone

- Bring Photo ID
- Minors must have a responsible adult accompany

Registration Desk will print your badge onsite





## If You Did NOT Register Before Arriving...

Go to the Level One Registration Desk to Register:

- Bring photo ID
- Bring a copy of your volunteer assignment email
- Confirm your information with the Registration desk onsite
- Please note:
  - If you have not received an email confirmation upon registering, but are assigned a volunteer role in the volunteer registration system, **please email [volunteer@firstinspires.org](mailto:volunteer@firstinspires.org)**



## Walk-On Volunteers



For someone who wants to volunteer **AFTER** arriving, go to Level One Registration Desk:

- Bring photo ID
- Have responsible adult accompany, if the volunteer is a minor
- Scan QR Code and complete interest form
- A volunteer coordinator will be in touch
- Walk-on volunteers must be 16 years or older



# Volunteer Central

And Experiences for Volunteers



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## Welcome to Volunteer Central!

Volunteer Central is located on Level Three of GRB:

- Volunteer Office: Room 360 E
- Volunteer Lounge: Room 360 D
- Volunteer Café: Room 370
- Overflow Café Seating: Room 371
- Pre-function Seating



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# Volunteer Central

Volunteer Central is your one-stop shop for all things VOLUNTEER!



You can:

- Pick up your Championship Volunteer lapel pin
- Snag other ENERGIZE and *FIRST* swag
- Find answers to most volunteer-related questions



# Come RELAX in the Volunteer Lounge on Your Break



*Snag some swag...*

- ENERGIZE and *FIRST* items
- Freebie table with current items, vintage items, and other goodies
- Volunteer raffle
  - Enter to win an Amazon echo dot, a mini projector, or a LEGO Everyone is Awesome set
  - Raffle QR code available onsite

Couches, chairs, places to charge your phone, and workspaces available



## Volunteer Lounge: *Gracious Professionalism* Pins



### NEW This Year!

- Volunteers at the *FIRST* Championship will be able to give out special edition pins to individuals they see expressing *Gracious Professionalism*
- Instructions will be included with pin

## Volunteer Office: Get Information You Need



- *Looking for staff and cannot locate any in the Volunteer Café or Volunteer Lounge?*
- **Check the Volunteer Office for staff assistance!**



## Volunteer Café Hours

	Monday 4/16	Tuesday 4/17	Wednesday 4/18	Thursday 4/19	Friday 4/20	Saturday 4/21
Breakfast	Café closed	6:00-9:00AM	6:00-9:00AM	6:00-9:00AM	6:00-9:00AM	6:00-9:00AM
Lunch	11:00AM-2:00PM	11:00AM-2:00PM	11:00AM-2:00PM	11:00AM-2:00PM	11:00AM-2:00PM	11:00AM-2:00PM
Dinner	Café closed	5:00-8:00PM	5:00-8:00PM	Café closed; <u>Innovation</u> <u>Faire</u> <u>5:30-</u> <u>8:30PM</u>	Café closed	Café closed; <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Appreciation</u> <u>Celebration</u> <u>1:30-5:00PM</u>



## Volunteer Café

Open to all volunteers on the day(s) of their shift(s)

- NO DINNER Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
  - **Thursday**-Innovation Faire 5:30-8:30PM
  - **Saturday**-Volunteer Appreciation Celebration 1:30PM

Menu  
Coming  
Soon!

## Schedule your Meals in Advance

- ALL volunteers must register for their meals
- You can add dietary needs & we will do our best to accommodate
- Meals will be served in **dine-in** or **grab-and-go**
- Overflow seating: Balcony D, Pre-function space, and Room 371





## Volunteer Café



### Snacks!

- Snacks will be delivered twice per day ~9:00AM and ~2:00PM
- Snacks will be found Tues-Sat in the Volunteer Café AND in all program Pit Admins
- **Please note:** FLL will **NOT** receive snacks to Pit Admin on Saturday due to Ballroom location

## Innovation Faire



### Visit for Hands-On Innovative FUN!

- Wednesday, April 19-Friday, April 21
- 10:00AM-4:00PM
- Mezzanine, Level Two

### Innovation Faire Night

- Thursday, April 20, 5:30-8:30PM
- ***You are invited*** to explore the Innovation Faire while enjoying light snacks and appetizers

## Conferences



**Anyone is welcome to attend!**

- Wednesday, April 19
  - 2:00-7:00PM
- Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21
  - 8:00AM-5:00PM
- Where?
  - Level Three
  - Rooms 350 and 360
- What?
  - Check [the app](#) for the full schedule
  - Over 65 sessions!

**Please make sure to only attend in your free time.**

## Discovery Green Block Party



**The outdoor extension of our campus**

- Wednesday, April 19-Friday, April 21

**A variety of activities including:**

- Wednesday-Live Band Karaoke
- Thursday-Silent Disco
- Friday-Lawn Games
- Check the [app](#) for more information

# Volunteer Appreciation Celebration



**Saturday, April 22, 1:30PM, Volunteer Café**

- Watch the Championship Finale in comfort
- TV wall streaming the Finale with sound
- Enjoy a snack
- Celebrate your hard work at Championship
- Enter to win raffle prizes
  - Amazon Kindle; Amazon Fire Tablet; Google Nest Hub
- And more!





# FIRST Closing Ceremony "One Show"

Saturday, April 22, 1:30PM-2:15PM~



- Key awards and recognition
- Message from our CEO Chris Moore
- Key Cross-Program content
- Each Program will continue with:
  - Final matches
  - Individual Program content
  - Key Cross-Program elements
  - Message from our Founder, Dean Kamen



## Check out the Volunteer Gratitude Boards



**Located in FRC/FTC near Pit Admin & FLL Ballroom Foyer**

- Stop by the Volunteer Gratitude Boards and feel the love from teams, parents, mentors, participants, and all the people who appreciate YOU.

## Visit the Coach/Mentor Thank You Note Station



Located on the Level Two outside the Innovation Faire, 'A' end

- The station is open to anyone that would like to make a thank you card and take it with them to give to a Coach/Mentor at the event.



# Volunteer Information





## General Volunteer Information: Personal Items



### Volunteer Central

- Volunteer central is **NOT** constantly staffed; leave items at your own risk
- Do not leave valuables
- ***If you cannot carry it, please do not bring it***

### Lost & Found

- Lost & Found is located at the Information Booth in the Lobby on Level One
- 1-800-427-4697 or [online](#)
- Items held onsite 30 days after the event

### Lost Under Bleachers

- Report items of extreme importance lost under bleachers to Pit Admin
- Pit Admin will contact security
- Under no circumstances should any but security go under the bleachers

## General Volunteer Information: **Wi-Fi**



**Free wireless internet is available in the common areas.**

- This access is not available on the Pit floor or in the playing field areas
- When not actively using your Wi-Fi, please switch it off
- **Hot Spots are NOT allowed in playing field areas**

## General Volunteer Information: Safety Equipment



## Safety Equipment

- Bring your own safety glasses
- Safety glasses are available for purchase at the *FIRST* Store outside of Hall C on Level One
- Sandals, open-toed shoes, and Crocs are not allowed in the Pits, fields, or other teamwork areas
- Face coverings/masks and vaccinations are not required but are recommended
- If you are feeling ill, please do not volunteer
- Keep your name badge with you throughout the event



## General Volunteer Information: Health and Safety Emergencies



### Health and Safety Emergencies

- Follow [CDC \(Centers for Disease Control\) guidelines](#)
- If you become ill, please stay in your hotel room/lodging and contact your Volunteer Coordinator (VC)
- In case of an incident which should be reported (medical or non-medical), talk to your VC
- In case of an emergency that requires evacuation, please evacuate with the teams and guests
- For an emergency, volunteers on-site should look for a Staff person, VC, or go to Pit Admin
- [Emergency Response Document](#)

## General Volunteer Information: Non-Urgent Concerns



## Non-Urgent Concerns: Medical Incidents and Youth Protection

- Non-urgent medical incidents and Youth Protection concerns: [FIRST Reporting Portal](#)
  - Volunteer issues
  - [Code of Conduct](#) issues
  - [Youth Protection](#) issues
- Handout with QR code link to the Reporting Portal from Pit Admin
- Youth Protection Staff:
  - (603) 206-2050
  - Room 352 C
  - [safetyfirst@firstinspires.org](mailto:safetyfirst@firstinspires.org)
- All children under the age of 12 must always be accompanied by an adult when in the pit area

## General Volunteer Information: Safety Outside the Venue



## Safety Outside of the Venue

- Do **NOT** wear your badge
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Always walk in groups of two or more
- Use main streets and boulevards
- Whenever possible, avoid walking downtown at night
  - If you cannot avoid walking downtown at night, pay attention, walk in a group, and get where you are going as quickly as possible

# Onsite Points of Contact



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# Onsite Program Points of Contact: *FIRST* LEGO League Explore



## *FIRST* LEGO League Explore

- Pit Admin: Level Three, Room 330
- Megan Carroll and Charlie Gibson

## Onsite Program Points of Contact: *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge



### *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge

- Pit Admin: Level Three, Grand Ballroom



# Onsite Program Points of Contact: *FIRST* Tech Challenge



## *FIRST* Tech Challenge

- Pit Admin: Level Three, Hall 3A
- Vince Frascella
  - [Vfrascella@firstpartners.org](mailto:Vfrascella@firstpartners.org)





## Onsite Program Points of Contact: *FIRST* Robotics Competition



## Pit Admins: Level One, Halls A and E

- Hall A Pit Admin Divisions:
  - Archimedes
  - Curie
  - Daly
  - Galileo
- Hall E Pit Admin Divisions:
  - Hopper
  - Johnson
  - Milstein
  - Newton
- Your Volunteer Coordinator
  - **Teal** shirts in field and pit areas





## Volunteer Resources Department



Need assistance before the event?

- [volunteer@firstinspires.org](mailto:volunteer@firstinspires.org)

**Onsite:** Volunteer Central, Level Three, Rooms 360 D & E

***See you in Houston!!***







## Test Your Knowledge With Kahoot!



Test your knowledge from today for a chance to WIN a LEGO Everyone is Awesome set!

- Pickup available at Volunteer Central
- Email [volunteer@firstinspires.org](mailto:volunteer@firstinspires.org) with your player name!

# Appendix Slides

In order of reference





## Arrival Information



**Taxis are available at the airport.**

- Hobby Airport Taxi is ~\$30 downtown one-way
- IAH Taxi is ~\$60 downtown one-way

### Uber/Lyft Apps

- Price fluctuates depending on location activity
- Roughly \$40-50 one-way

***Prices subject to change***

## Arrival Information



### Super Shuttle

- **Reserve in Advance**-can do round-trip
- ~\$75 from Hobby one-way
- ~\$85 from IAH one-way

### Omega Royal

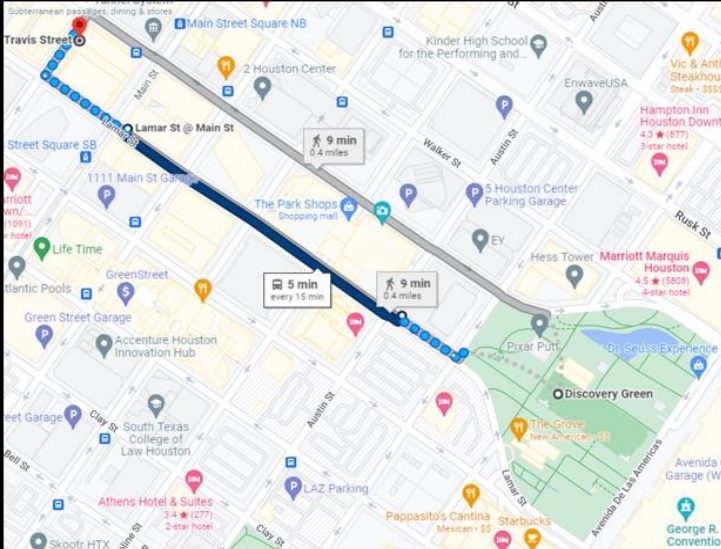
- Reserve in advance-can do round-trip
- ~\$65 from Hobby one-way
- ~\$75 from IAH one-way

## Metro Passes Not Discounted



- METRO Fares along their routes can cost \$1.25 per person
- \$1.25 EXACT cash per ride OR use a Day Pass
- Day Passes can be purchased:
  - Online and will be mailed to you within 7 business days
  - In-person at 1001 Travis St Metro Ride Store
    - Card is free

## More About Metro



**Nearest Location to purchase DAY Pass is at 1001 Travis St., 8:00AM-5:00PM**

- As of July 2021 you CANNOT get a refund
- Only buy what you need!



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# Metro DAY PASS



## METRO Day Pass

Functions as a debit card for riding METRO. It allows you to ride **local service** as often as you like during the day for a maximum of \$3 (regular fare) or \$1.50 (discounted fare). Using a day pass on **Park & Ride** service may require an upcharge.

### What services can you pay for with it?



Local Bus



Park & Ride Commuter Express Bus



METRORail



METRORapid



METRO curb2curb

### Where can you get one?

Obtain and load - or reload a card

- METRO RideStore | [See locations](#)
- Participating retailers | [Find a store](#)

Obtain and load only

- [METRO Online RideStore](#)

Reload only

- [Online](#)
- Select vending machines | [More info](#)
- Reload machine on all local buses | [More info](#)

### What can you use to load or reload money on it?

- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Credit card
- ✓ Debit card

Exceptions:

- Reload machines on local buses accept cash only (no coins).
- Oval-shaped vending machines at METRO Park & Ride lots and select transit centers accept credit/debit only.
- METRO RideStore at Downtown Transit Center accepts check or money order as well.
- METRO RideStore at Main Street Square doesn't accept cash.
- METRO Online RideStore doesn't accept cash.



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# Metro Services



## Local Bus

More than 80 routes; thousands of shelters and stops



## Park & Ride Bus

Express bus service for suburban communities



## METRORail

Three light rail lines in and around downtown Houston



## METRORapid

It looks like a bus, but runs like rail



## METRO curb2curb

On-demand rideshare service in specific communities



## METROLift

Shared-ride paratransit service for preapproved customers



## METRO STAR Vanpool

Rideshare service offering a fast, cost-efficient commute



## HOV/HOT Express Lanes

Barrier-separated lanes on Houston's busiest freeways



All METRO buses are ADA accessible, offer free Wi-Fi, come equipped with video surveillance security cameras and can carry up to two bikes at a time on an easy loading bike rack attached to the front of the bus.

The regular fare to board is \$1.25. The discounted fare is 60 cents.

Local bus routes are color-coded. During most hours each day:

- Red routes run at least every 15 minutes
- Blue routes run every 16-30 minutes
- Green routes run every 30-60 minutes

[Learn More](#)



# Volunteer Registration Invitation

Email

APRIL 19-22 → HOUSTON, TX

## Invitation

Dear Test Volunteer Test 01/03,

REGISTER NOW

Please join us for the 2023 *FIRST*®  
Championship, April 19-22, 2023.

DECLINE INVITE

*FIRST*® Championship is the culmination of the season's *FIRST*® programs - *FIRST*® LEGO® League, *FIRST*® Tech Challenge and *FIRST*® Robotics Competition, bringing together students for the ultimate celebration of innovation and STEM.

In an effort to provide exceptional customer service to our attendees, we are utilizing a badging and hotel booking system.

Completing this process for badging is required for admittance and will provide you all necessary Volunteer credentials while onsite.

### Invitations are non-transferrable

If you need assistance regarding the event registration or housing process, please contact ConferenceDirect at [FIRSTChampionship@Conferencedirect.com](mailto:FIRSTChampionship@Conferencedirect.com). For all other questions please contact [volunteer@firstinspires.org](mailto:volunteer@firstinspires.org).



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# Volunteer Registration Invitation

## Step 1: Personal Information

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STEP 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

\* Indicates required fields

Personal

First Name \*Johnson

Last Name \*Mooney

Badge NameJohnson Marie  
(Name as you would like it to appear on your badge)

Contact Information

Email Address \*Johnson@gmail.com  
(Confirmations will be sent through e-mail only)

CC EmailJohnson@gmail.com

Title

Company/OrganizationFIRST

Telephone: \*1234567890  
(Please enter your phone number without any dashes or brackets, numbers only)





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numbers only)

Address

Address 1 \*200 Bedford St

Address 2

City \*Manchester

State / Province \*New Hampshire

Country \*United States

Zip/Postal Code \*03304

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact First Name \*C

Emergency Contact Last Name \*H

Relationship to Registration \*H

Emergency Contact Phone \*1234567899  
(Please enter your phone number without any dashes or brackets, numbers only)

Demographics

Are you a FIRST® student program participant alumnus? \*Yes

What program do you hope to volunteer for at Championship?  
Please indicate your preference in the drop down. \*FLL Explore

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## Step 2: Dietary Information

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STEP 2 MEAL SELECTION [LOGOUT](#)

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### MEAL SELECTION

*\* Indicates required fields*

#### Dietary and Accessibility Requirements

To best serve your needs, identify any special dietary and/or accessibility requirements you may have. Special meal requirements are only intended for individuals with specific dietary restrictions or food allergies.\*

☐ Nut Allergy

☐ Diabetic

☐ Gluten-Free

☐ Halal

☐ Kosher

☐ Lactose Intolerance

☐ Pescetarian

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Vegan

☐ Other

☒ None



# Volunteer Registration Invitation

## Step 2: Meal Selection

### Meal Selection

Select which days to opt-in for provided meals

#### Monday

☐ Lunch

#### Tuesday

☐ Breakfast

☒ Lunch

☐ Dinner

#### Wednesday

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#### Thursday

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☒ Lunch

#### Friday

☒ Breakfast

☒ Lunch

#### Saturday

☒ Breakfast

☒ Lunch



# Volunteer Registration Invitation

## Step 2: Special Events for Volunteers

Thursday, April 20th, 5:00pm-9:00pm

### Innovation Faire Night

Along with *FIRST* Leadership, Staff, and Sponsors, Championship Volunteers are invited to the Innovation Faire Night. You will have an opportunity to explore the Innovation Faire while enjoying a snack.

Will you be joining us for the Innovation Faire Night on Thursday?\*

Yes



Saturday, April 22nd, 1:30pm

### Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

*FIRST* will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration in the Volunteer Café for Championship Event Volunteers. Sit back, relax, and watch the Championship Finale from the comfort of the Volunteer Café while you enjoy a snack and celebrate the conclusion of your hard work at another successful Championship.

Will you be joining us Saturday for the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration?\*

Yes



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## Step 3: Terms and Conditions

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STEP 3 POLICIES

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POLICIES

Terms and Conditions

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I consent to my personal information being collected and processed in accordance with the [FIRST® Privacy Policy](#). \*

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I affirm that anytime I submit data to FIRST® on behalf of another person, I shall obtain and maintain a record of all required legal consents before collecting or submitting any such data. \*

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## Step 4: Registration Verification

STEP 4 VERIFICATION LOGOUT

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## REGISTRATION VERIFICATION

Edit Personal InformationEdit Meal Selection

Please review the information below.

If all of the information is correct, press the continue button to finalize your registration. To make changes or modify, please click one of the edit buttons to the right. After making revisions, always remember to press continue to ensure the new information is properly captured.

### Personal Information

First Name	Johnson
Last Name	Mooney
Company	FIRST
Address1	200 Bedford St
City	Manchester
Province / State	New Hampshire
Country	United States
Postal Code / Zip	03304
Phone	1234567890
Email	Johnson@gmail.com

### Registration Details

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Johnson Mooney	
Volunteer	1

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Step 5:  
Thank you!



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**APRIL 19-22, 2023**

Houston, TX

Registration Sponsored By *Johnson & Johnson*

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STEP 5 **THANK YOU**

**LOGOUT**

## THANK YOU

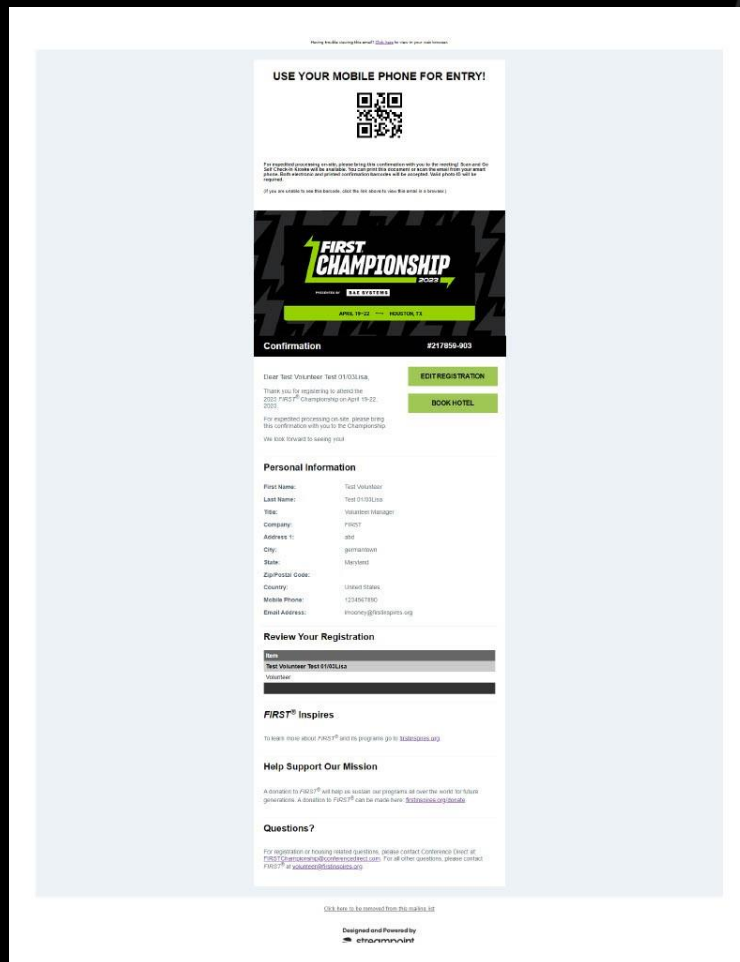
Thank you for registering for 2023 *FIRST*® Championship taking place April 19-20, 2023.

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**BOOK HOTEL**



**Print out or bring with you on your mobile device for badging.**







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## Get your *FIRST* Volunteer Swag!



Bring your Volunteer Passport and get it stamped at Championship!





## FTC Schedule:

**\*All times are subject to change. All times are estimated based on flow of matches.  
See Pit Administration for updated times.**

### Tuesday

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Pits Open
3:00 PM – 6:30 PM	FIRST Tech Challenge Team Check-In
3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Robot Hardware Inspection

### Wednesday

7:00 AM – 6:30 PM	Pits Open
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	FIRST Tech Challenge Team Check-In
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Scheduled Judges Interview Appointments, Scheduled Field Inspection Appointments
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Scheduled Judges Interview Appointments, Scheduled Field Inspection Appointments
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Driver's Meeting @ the Competition Fields
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	FIRST Tech Challenge Competition Kickoff and Welcome, Followed by Qualification Matches
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches



# FTC Schedule:

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## Thursday

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Pits Open
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Qualification Matches (Franklin and Jemison 9:00-11:30, Edison and Ochoa 9:00-12:00)
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (Franklin and Jemison 11:30-1:00, Edison and Ochoa 12:00-1:30)
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Qualification Matches (Franklin and Jemison 1:00-5:00, Edison and Ochoa 1:30-5:00)

## Friday

All-Day	Tiara Friday
7:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Pits Open
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Qualification Matches (Franklin and Jemison 8:00-11:30, Edison and Ochoa 8:00-12:00)
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (Franklin and Jemison 11:30-1:00, Edison and Ochoa 12:00-1:30)
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Qualification Matches (Franklin and Jemison 1:00-4:30, Edison and Ochoa 1:30-4:30)
4:40 PM – 4:45 PM	Mascot Parade
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	Alliance Selection



## FTC Schedule:

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Saturday	
All Day	Suspender Saturday
7:30 AM – 6:30 PM	Pits Open
8:15 AM – 8:45 PM	Elimination Matches Driver's Meeting
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Division Semi-Final Matches, Division Final Matches
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Divisional Award Ceremonies
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	One FIRST Closing Celebration
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Conference Final Matches, Event Final Matches and FIRST Tech Challenge Finals Award Ceremony
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Load Out



# FRC Schedule:

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## Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Teams that shipped robot check-in, Main Lobby table in front of FRC Pits entrance
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Advance Entry – 6 Team Reps only for teams that shipped robots, entrance from Main Lobby
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Team Load-In – 6 Team Reps for all other teams
10:00 AM	Inspection and Machine Shop Open
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Practice Field Elements Open for teams who shipped only
1:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – location 382 C
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Hall of Fame Ceremony – Between Galileo & Hopper Field
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Fields Open to Teams for Measurement
2:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Pits Open
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Practice Fields Open (will extend if pits remain open late)
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Safety Captain's Meeting – Between Galileo & Hopper Fields – teams report to the stands
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Driver's Meeting – Between Galileo & Hopper Fields - Drivers report to the stands
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Practice Matches
7:30 PM	Pits, Inspection and Machine Shop Close



# FRC Schedule:

\*All times are subject to change.

## Thursday, April 20, 2023

7:00 AM	George R. Brown Convention Center Open
7:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Open
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Practice Fields Open (will extend if pits remain open late)
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Fields Open to Teams for Robot Sensor Calibration and Connection Test
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – location 382 C
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Division Break – Archimedes & Hopper
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Division Break – Curie & Milstein
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Division Break – Daly & Johnson
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Division Break – Galileo & Newton
6:30 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Close



# FRC Schedule:

\*All times are subject to change.

## Friday, April 21, 2023

7:00 AM	George R. Brown Convention Center Open
7:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Open
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Practice Fields Open (will extend if pits remain open late)
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – location 382 C
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	<i>FIRST</i> Dean's List Celebration - Hilton Americas, Ballroom of the Americas
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Division Break – Galileo & Newton
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Division Break – Daly & Johnson
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Division Break – Curie & Milstein
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Division Break – Archimedes & Hopper
6:30 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Close



# FRC Schedule:

\*All times are subject to change.

## Saturday, April 22, 2023

6:45 AM	George R. Brown Convention Center Open
6:45 AM – 2:00 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Open
7:00 AM	FIRST Impact Award Finalists, Woodie Flowers Award, and Alliance Selection
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – location 382 C
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Team Load Out
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Division Playoff Matches – Division Awards presented during Playoffs
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Break
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	<i>FIRST</i> Closing Celebration

2:00 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Close
2:15 PM – 6:00 PM	<i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition Event Finale (including Einstein Tournament, Einstein Final Matches, and the <i>FIRST</i> Impact Award)





# Follow & Amplify the Conversation!

Connect with *FIRST*®

- Instagram

- TikTok

- LinkedIn

- Twitter

- Facebook

Follow *FIRST* Programs

- Twitter: @FRCTeams, @FTCTeams, @firstlegoleague

- Facebook: @FIRSTRoboticsCompetition, @FTCTeams , @FLLTeams



## Engage in the Conversation

When posting videos and photos during the event, tag *FIRST* handles and use hashtags:

- Event hashtag (to show you are at Championship or talking about Championship):  
**#FIRSTChamp**
- Narrative Hashtags: We are using **#IAmMoreThan** and **#PeopleofSTEAM** to unite the community in a fun, authentic and engaging dialogue that is universal to the *FIRST* experience:
  - **#IAmMoreThan**: For stories that share how STEM inspires the innovative spirit and self-esteem that kids need to tackle the world's greatest challenges
  - **#PeopleofSTEAM**: For highlighting diverse voices in our community and the impacts they are making on the world of *FIRST*, the world of STEAM, and/or in their own backyard
- Other Hashtags:
  - **#MoreThanRobots**
  - **#FIRSTinspires**
  - **#omgrobots**



# Tips for Telling your *FIRST* Story

## It enlightens

- Provides info to help people understand the *FIRST* experience / your unique POV (point of view) about how *FIRST* has impacted you
- Captures the spirit of community-wide teamwork, *Coopertition*® and *Gracious Professionalism*®

## It's entertaining

- Think fun, light-hearted, highly visual
- Short, attention-grabbing videos are often the most engaging (TikTok, Instagram Reels)

## It evokes an emotional response

- Allows the audience to see themselves in the story you're telling, and/or the problem you're trying to solve
- Highlights how *FIRST* empowers students to do amazing things; emphasizes how *FIRST* inspires students to believe in themselves / realize their full potential
- Invites conversation and amplification (i.e. audiences are so moved/excited/inspired that they want to like, comment, and/or share)



## Tips for Telling your *FIRST* Story Continued

**Capture action shots instead of posed shots - take screenshots of videos if easier!**

- Highlights teams helping each other, working together, and celebrating one another to demonstrate how the values of *Coopertition*® and *Gracious Professionalism*® make *FIRST* more than robots.
- Ex. Photos of alliances, teams sharing resources, cheering together, etc.
- Tip: Try to get the social handles of any teams you're highlighting and tag them!

**Video is strongly suggested (instead of still images) - even if it's just a few seconds long**

- Ex. Pose a question in the caption or as text on the screen, have the question answered by several students in quick clips throughout the video.
  - "How do you make an impact?" #PeopleofSTEAM
  - "What was your proudest accomplishment this season? Were there any challenges or obstacles you had to overcome to get there?" #IAmMoreThan
  - "How do you inspire others?" #PeopleofSTEAM
  - "What's something you learned about yourself this season?" #IAmMoreThan