2023 Championship Volunteer Orientation

April 11, 2023, 8pm EST
This is all possible thanks to every one of you.

THANK YOU!
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
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](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)

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

See Appendix for 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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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

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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

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
- Single Day Pass (Adult) - $3.00

[CLICK HERE TO BUY]

See Appendix for Metro details

**Link for FIRST Robotics Convention Pass**

Or

**Use the App**
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

• 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

*Have fun and be a gracious professional.*
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
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

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!

April 18-22

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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

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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

See Appendix for registration RSVP details
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
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
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
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

See Appendix for more volunteer swag
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!**
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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

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
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

- 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

- Follow [CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov)
- 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](https://www.first.org)
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
- 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
Onsite Program Points of Contact:

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
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

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 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!
**Metro DAY PASS**

### What services can you pay for with it?
- Local Bus
- Park & Ride Commuter Express Bus
- METRORail
- METRO Rapid
- 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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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]
Dear Test Volunteer Test 01/03,

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

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. For all other questions please contact volunteer@firstinspires.org.
Volunteer Registration Invitation

Step 1: Personal Information
Volunteer Registration Invitation

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Volunteer Registration Invitation

Step 2: Dietary Information

**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
- [ ] Pescatarian
- [ ] Vegan
- [ ] Other
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### Meal Selection

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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

First Championship 2023

Policies

April 2023

Terms and Conditions

- I consent to my personal information being collected and processed in accordance with the FIRST® Privacy Policy.
- 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
Thank you for registering for the 2023 FIRST® Championship taking place April 19-22, 2023. For registration or housing related questions, please contact ConferenceDirect at FIRSTChampionship@conferencedirect.com. For all other questions, please contact FIRST at volunteer@firstinspires.org.
Volunteer Registration Confirmation Email

Print out or bring with you on your mobile device for badging.
Get your FIRST Volunteer Swag!

Bring your Volunteer Passport and get it stamped at Championship!
FTC Schedule:
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<td>Advance Entry – 6 Team Reps only for teams that shipped robots, entrance from Main Lobby</td>
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<td>Team Load-In – 6 Team Reps for all other teams</td>
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<td>Inspection and Machine Shop Open</td>
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<td>Practice Field Elements Open for teams who shipped only</td>
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Follow & Amplify the Conversation!

Connect with FIRST®

• Instagram
• TikTok
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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