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2025 Championship Volunteer Orientation

April 8, 2025 8pm EDT





THANK YOU.
**This is only
possible because
of each one of you.**



Introduction

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- Slides from today's Orientation will be posted in the Q&A section.
- This Orientation is being recorded. The recording and slides will be available on the [Championship Volunteer website](#) on Wednesday April 9th.
- Questions can be asked at any time in the Q&A section and a member of the Volunteer team will respond.
- If you have questions following the presentation, you can email us at volunteer@firstinspires.org.
- Get ready to play a quick, fun Kahoot game at the end to win *FIRST* swag!
- Additional Information can be found in the Appendix slides

Topics

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- Overview of Championship 2025
- Before You Go
- Travel & Arrival
- Venue Overview & Layout
- Volunteer Registration & Badging
- Volunteer Central
- Championship Events & Activities
- Volunteer Information
- Onsite Points of Contact

What's New this year?

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- Counseling Services available on-site during event hours. Any volunteer, staff, student, or attendee at the event can schedule a time to meet with a counselor by contacting safety@firstinspires.org.
- You do not need to register for meals, you receive access to the Volunteer Café on the days you volunteer which are pre-printed on your badge.
- Snacks for volunteers will be available in the Program pit-admin areas along with the Volunteer Café.
- All entrances will have metal detector screening. There will be canine screening around the team load-in and parking areas.
- Two Mamava Lactation Pods will be located on the North and South side of Mezzanine Level 2.

Overview of Championship

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Welcome!

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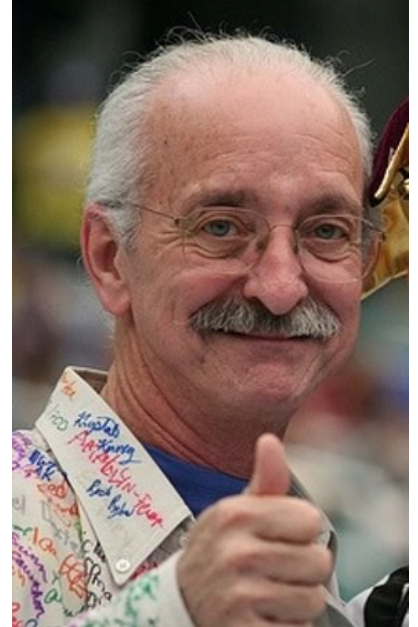
2025 *FIRST* Championship

- Over 1000 teams
 - FLL Explore: 40
 - FLL Challenge: 160
 - FTC: 256
 - FRC: 600
- Over 1400 volunteers anticipated
 - FLL: 180
 - FTC: 315
 - FRC: 900



...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.
- Let's treat all Championship attendees with *Gracious Professionalism*.



Before You Go

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- [FIRST Championship Event Guide](#)
- [Volunteer Event Guide](#)
- Volunteer Orientation
 - Go to www.firstchampionship.org/volunteer
 - PDF of Volunteer Orientation slides
 - Recording of webinar
- [2025 FIRST Championship App](#)
 - Available in Apple Store & Google Play Store

Download the App!



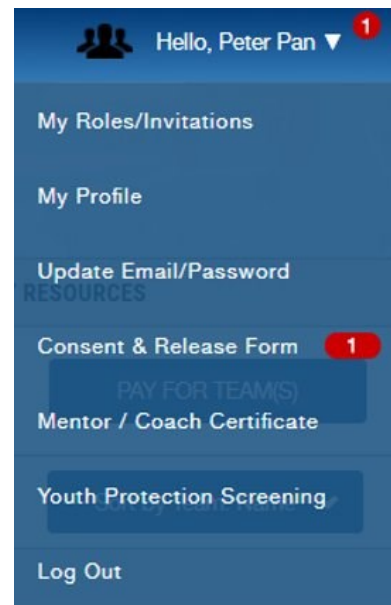
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Consent & Release Form

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- 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
 - Completion of the current season *FIRST* Consent and Release Form is a requirement for participation at all official *FIRST* events, including the 2025 *FIRST* Championship
- You can also complete your form through Express Volunteer:
 - <https://my.firstinspires.org/ExpressVolunteer/landing-page/>
 - You will be prompted to complete the form upon logging in



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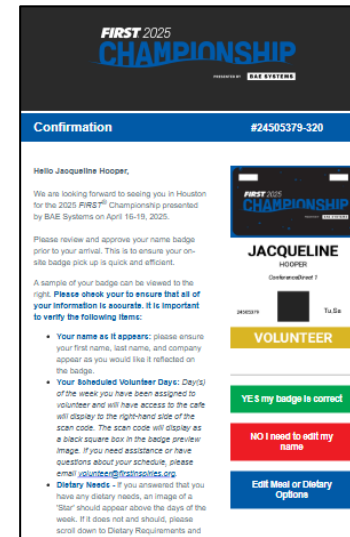
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All volunteers should have completed registration prior to arrival.

- Registration completed **prior** to 4/8:
 - Receive 'Badge Confirmation' email to review and approve your badge details on 4/2 or 4/9.
 - Receive 'Know Before You Go' email on 4/11.
 - Will contain a personalized QR code for check-in.
- Registration completed **after** 4/8:
 - Receive BOTH 'Know Before You Go' and Badge Confirmation emails on 4/14.



Badge Confirmation Email

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What should you pack?

- 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 or Tutus
- A *can-do* attitude!



Before you go, print out:

- Your schedule
- Conference Direct registration Confirmation email
- Volunteer parking pass (if applicable). *Your volunteer coordinator will send these out in the next week.*



FIRST Traditions

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✓ Tiara Friday



✓ Suspenders & Tutus Saturday

Join in on the fun with these optional traditions!



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Travel & Arrival

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Arrival Information

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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

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Area Map

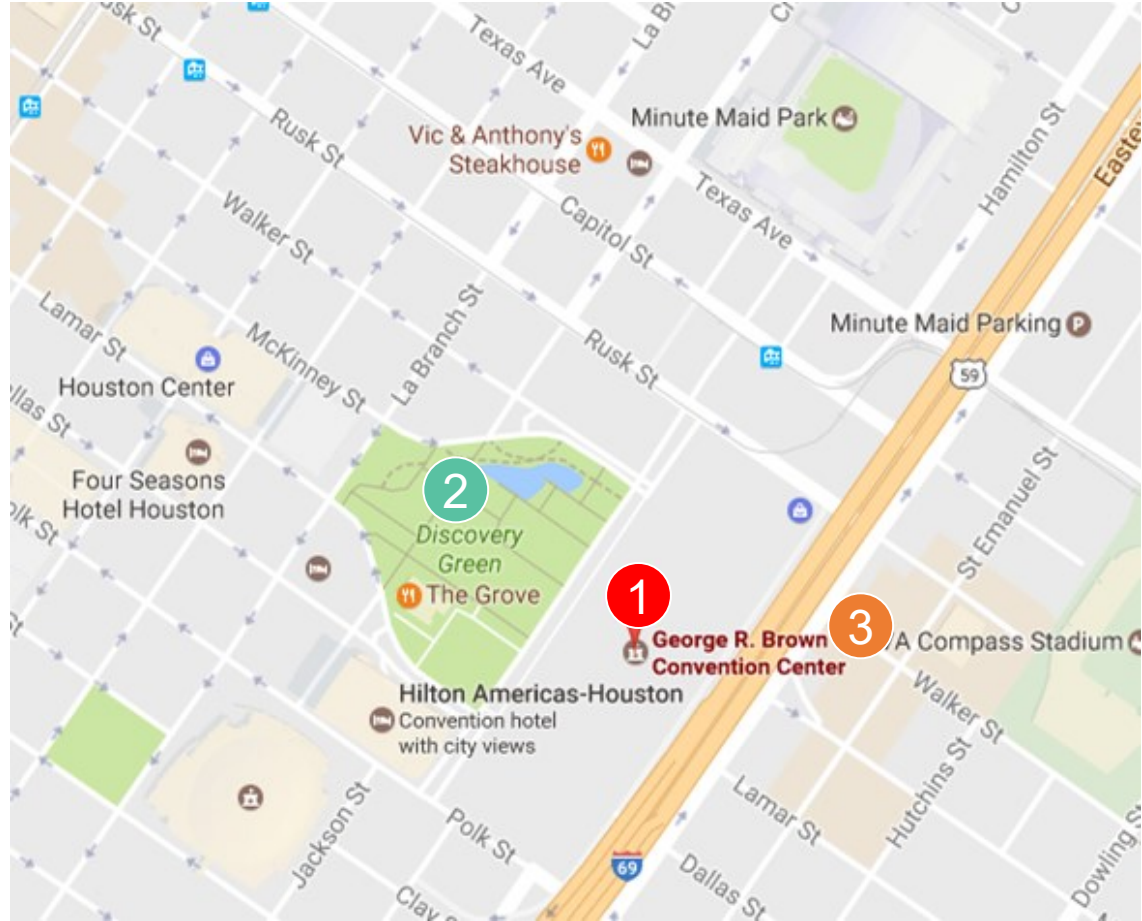
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(1) GRB Convention Center (2) Discovery Green (3) Volunteer Parking Lot



Volunteer Parking Lot

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Free Volunteer 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 in the next few days**
- **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**

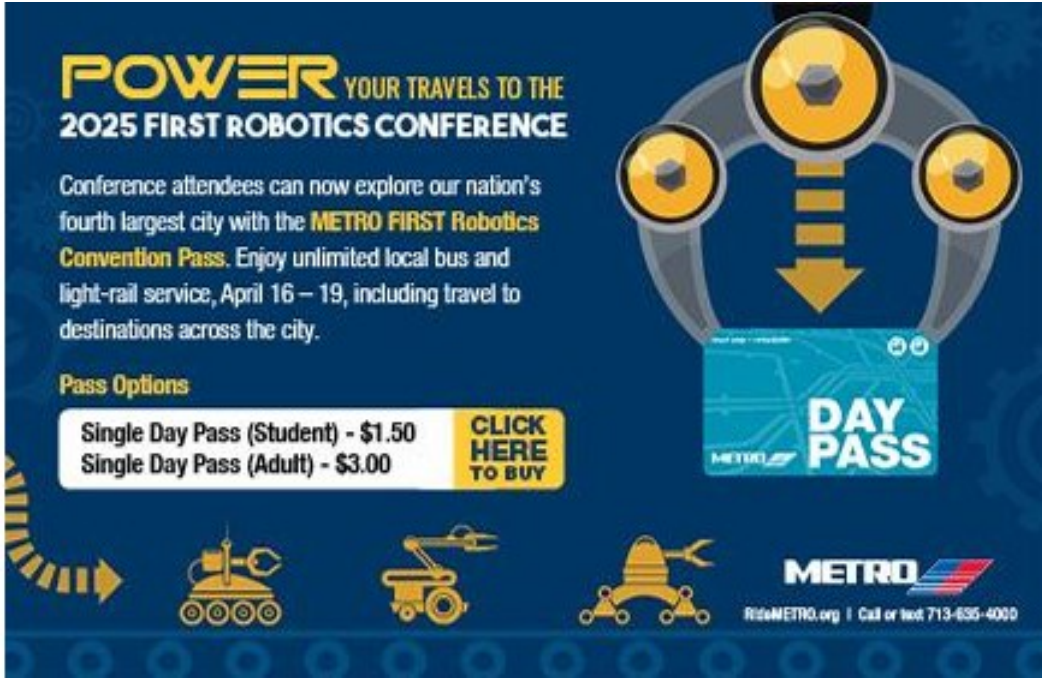
Additional Parking options in the Appendix

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Metro Passes (discounted)

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POWER YOUR TRAVELS TO THE
2025 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 16 – 19, including travel to destinations across the city.

Pass Options

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

DAY PASS

METRO

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

Icons of various robots: a mobile robot, a robotic arm, and a humanoid robot.

[Click here to buy discounted* day pass](#)

*Pass is a discount only if you are riding 3 or more times a day

Or use the [Championship App](#)

See Appendix for metro info

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After you Arrive

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- Check into your hotel
- Pick up your badge at registration on Level One
- Check in with your volunteer coordinator or program staff
- Stop by Volunteer Central
 - We have gifts for you!
 - George R. Brown Convention Center, Level Three

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Venue Overview & Layout

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George R. Brown Convention Center

- Convention Center [Website](#)
- 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010
- Venue has Three levels with escalators and elevators available.
 - *Wear comfortable shoes!*

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Venue Overview

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GRB has three main levels:

- Level One: Registration and Info Booth, *FIRST* Store, *FIRST* Robotics Competition
- Level Two: Innovation Faire, Skybridge Access from Marriott, Skybridge access from Hilton, Prayer Rooms, Starbucks, Mamava Lactation Pods
- Level Three: *FIRST* Tech Challenge, *FIRST* LEGO League, Conference, Judging, Quiet Room, Volunteer Central & Café, Skybridge Access from Hilton

Main Entry doors are on Level One. Additional Points of Entry to GRB:

- Hilton Skybridge(s) one on Level 2 and one on Level 3
 - **EARLIEST ACCESS LEVEL 2: opens at 5:30 AM**
- Marriott Skybridge Level 2 ONLY **and** street entrances to GRB open at 6:00 AM
- Security checkpoints will be at every entrance to GRB. Badges are not required to enter the building.
- Go to registration on Level One to have your badge printed or re-printed.

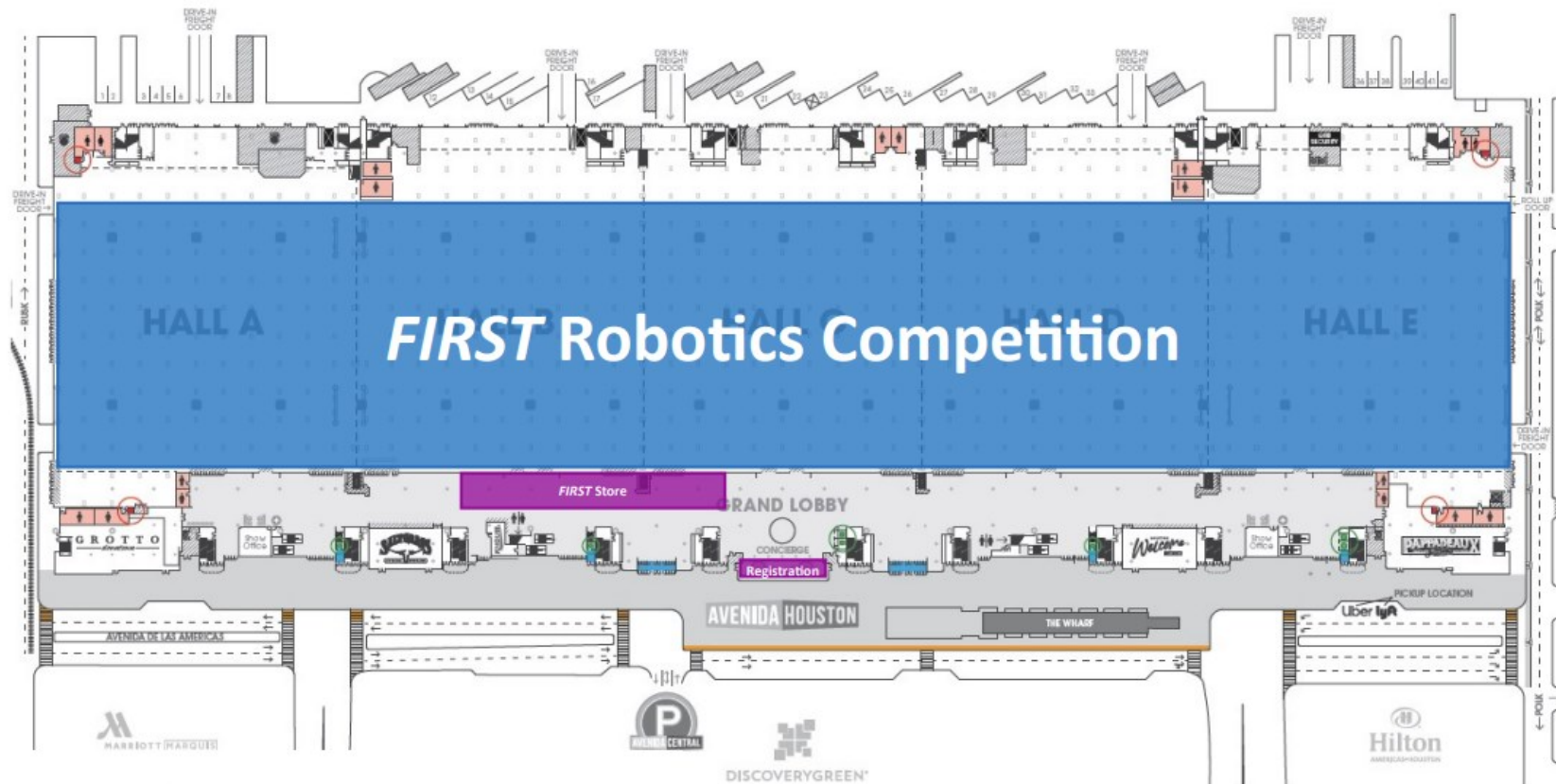
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Level One

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LEVEL ONE

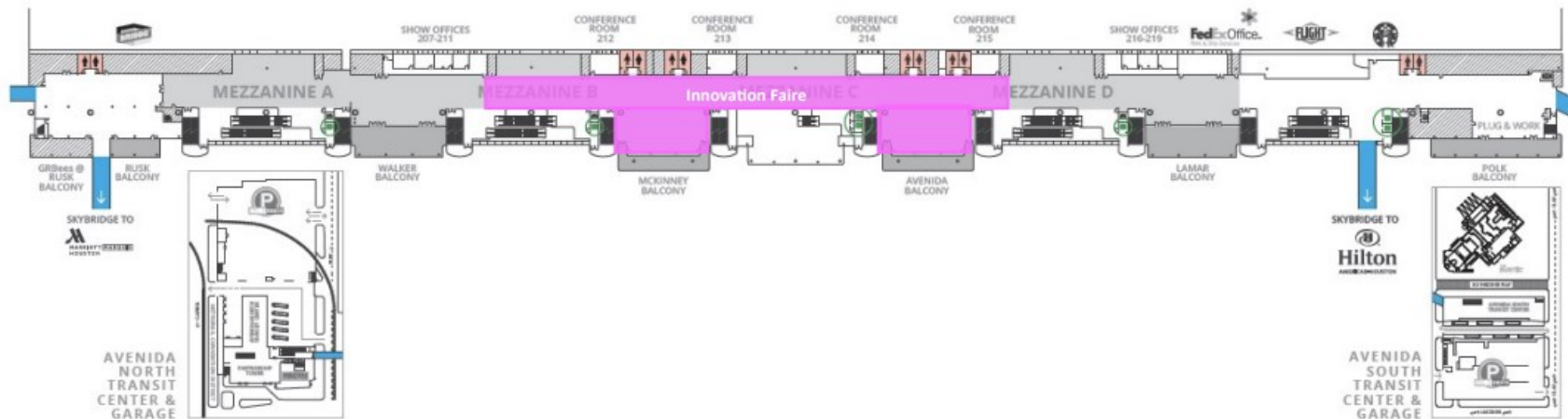


Level Two

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LEVEL TWO



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Level Three

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LEVEL THREE



SKYBRIDGE TO
Hilton

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There are several food kiosks managed and run by the GRB throughout the venue.
All food kiosks are cashless (only accept card).

If you would like to use cash:

- GRB staff will be setup on the 1st floor (near our Main Registration) and 3rd Floor (near the Grand Ballroom lobby) at kiosks that will have the ability to accept cash and turn that into a GiveX card (a gift card that can be used at the food kiosks) that you can use throughout the week.
- At the end of the event they will refund any remaining money left on the card or you can keep the card with the money loaded and use it next year.

Rules Inside the Venue

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- 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 on health and safety in the [Event Guide](#).
- Please limit phone use to break times



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Security at the Venue

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Metal Detector Screening

- All Entrances
- 2nd Check if detector is activated
- Expect Wednesday entry times to be like past years

Canine Screening

- Team Load-In
- Car/Truck Checks
- Will not impact load in times



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Where to Find Info Onsite

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Information Booth:

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

*Download the
Championship App!*

Pit Admins:

- The Pit Admins are in each of the program areas to assist with program-specific questions:
 - FLL Level Three, Grand Ballroom
 - FTC Level Three
 - FRC Level One, Halls A & E



Volunteer Central:

- Welcome Table located in Volunteer Central on Level Three
- Staff & Volunteers to answer questions and provide directions

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Specialty Rooms

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Prayer Room

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

Quiet Room

- GRB, Level Three, 362 C&F
 - Wednesday, April 17: 8:00AM-7:00PM
 - Thursday, April 18: 8:00AM-6:00PM
 - Friday, April 19: 8:00AM-6:00PM
 - Saturday, April 20: 8:00AM-6:00PM

Lactation Pods

- Two Mamava lactation pods will be located on the North and South Side of Mezzanine Level 2. Nursing parents can access these private areas using the free [Mamava](#) app.

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Specialty Rooms

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Counseling Room

- Check-In with the *FIRST*® Youth Protection Team | **Room: 352C** | safety@firstinspires.org
 - Wednesday, April 17: 8:00AM-7:00PM
 - Thursday, April 18: 8:00AM-6:00PM
 - Friday, April 19: 8:00AM-6:00PM
 - Saturday, April 20: 8:00AM-6:00PM

Youth Protection Program Office

- GRB, Level Three, 352C
- Contact: safety@firstinspires.org

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Volunteer Registration & Badging

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What to Expect

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Go to the Registration desk at GRB Level One to get your Volunteer badge. Badges are required to get into program areas, the Volunteer Café and Lounge, event areas, and more. Every attendee must be badged.

What you will receive at the Registration Desk as a Volunteer:

- Championship Volunteer Name Badge
- Championship Volunteer T-Shirt(s)
- Championship Volunteer Gift

Designated line for volunteers- on the right!

April 15-19

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

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Satellite Registration

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Satellite Registration is to expedite the team registration process. FTC Satellite location will accept volunteer registration as well.

- FTC will be checking in Volunteers at Satellite Registration
- FRC and FLL will NOT be checking in Volunteers at Satellite Registration

Date:	Program:	Open:	Close:
Tuesday, April 15	FTC	12:00PM (for volunteers) 3:00PM (for teams)	6:30PM
Wednesday, April 16	FTC	7:00AM (teams only)	12:00PM
Wednesday, April 16	FLL	11:00AM (teams only)	3:00PM
Wednesday, April 16	FRC	7:00AM (teams only)	7:30PM

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What Do You Need for Registration?

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You need to bring **your personalized QR code and photo ID** to the registration desk to get your badge. Your personalized code will be in the 'Know Before You Go' email sent on 4/11 or 4/14.

- Minors must have a responsible adult accompany them

If you do not have your QR code, you can bring your registration confirmation email (printed or accessible on your phone) along with your photo ID.

See Appendix for registration details

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What Do You Need for Registration?

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Registration Desk will print your badge onsite.

Days of the week printed on badge. If you selected **any dietary restrictions** on your registration, there will be a star on your badge (see example on right).

A badge confirmation email will be sent to you on 4/9 or 4/14.

- Please confirm your days of volunteering are correct and your dietary restrictions are correct.
- You can click 'Edit dietary options' in that email to make updates.



[See Appendix for registration details](#)

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If you DID NOT Register Before Arriving

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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
 - Don't forget to check your SPAM folders

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Walk-On Volunteers

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For those who **have not registered and been assigned a volunteer role prior to the event**, you may apply to be a walk-on volunteer. After arriving, go to Level One Registration Desk with your photo ID.

- You must be 15 years old to be a Walk-On Volunteer.
 - Minors aged 15-17 must have their parent/guardian complete these Forms.
- Completing an Application does NOT guarantee you a role.
- This is NOT an Application for the Student Ambassador Program.
- We will prioritize applicants with ALL-DAY availability.
- A Volunteer Coordinator will contact you if you are selected.
- It is required to complete the 2024-2025 season Consent and Release Form and Walk-On Volunteer Form as part of the Application.

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Volunteer Central

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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 (open Thurs-Sat)

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

- Find answers to your volunteer Championship questions
- Pick up your exclusive 2025 Championship Volunteer lapel pin
- Snag your *FIRST DIVE* swag
- Get your *FIRST* Volunteer Year of Service pin
- Get your Volunteer passport stamped with the 2025 Championship Stamp
- Spin the wheel each day to win a prize!
- Scan a QR code to enter the Volunteer Raffle each day!
- Tons of giveaways!

See Appendix for more volunteer swag



Gracious Professionalism Pins



- Volunteers at *FIRST* Championship will be able to give out special edition pins to individuals they see expressing *Gracious Professionalism* at Championship.
 - Pick up a pin and card in the Volunteer Lounge.
 - Give it out to someone who is showing Gracious Professionalism!
 - Share the story of Gracious Professionalism with us via a short form.

Language Buttons



- Buttons will be available for volunteers to wear to indicate they can speak a language other than English.
- Buttons will be available for these languages:

- Afrikaans
- Amharic
- Arabic
- ASL
- Dutch
- Filipino
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Lithuanian
- Mandarin
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Sindhi
- Sinhalese
- Spanish
- Swedish

Get information you need!



- Looking for a *FIRST* staff member and cannot locate any in the Volunteer Café or Volunteer Lounge?
- Check the Volunteer Office for staff assistance.

Volunteer Cafe

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

	MON 4/14	TUES 4/15	WED 4/16	THUR 4/17	FRI 4/18	SAT 4/19
Breakfast	Closed	6-9am	6-9am	6-9am	6-9am	6-9am
Lunch	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm
Dinner	Closed	5-8pm	5-8pm	Closed (Innovation Faire 6- 8:30pm)	Closed	Closed* (Volunteer Celebration 1:30-6pm)

**working volunteers will eat in their areas*

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Meals on the Day you Volunteer

When you registered for Championship, the days of your volunteer shifts were automatically included in your registration to grant you access to the Volunteer Café. You are welcome to eat in the Cafe on the days you are volunteering.

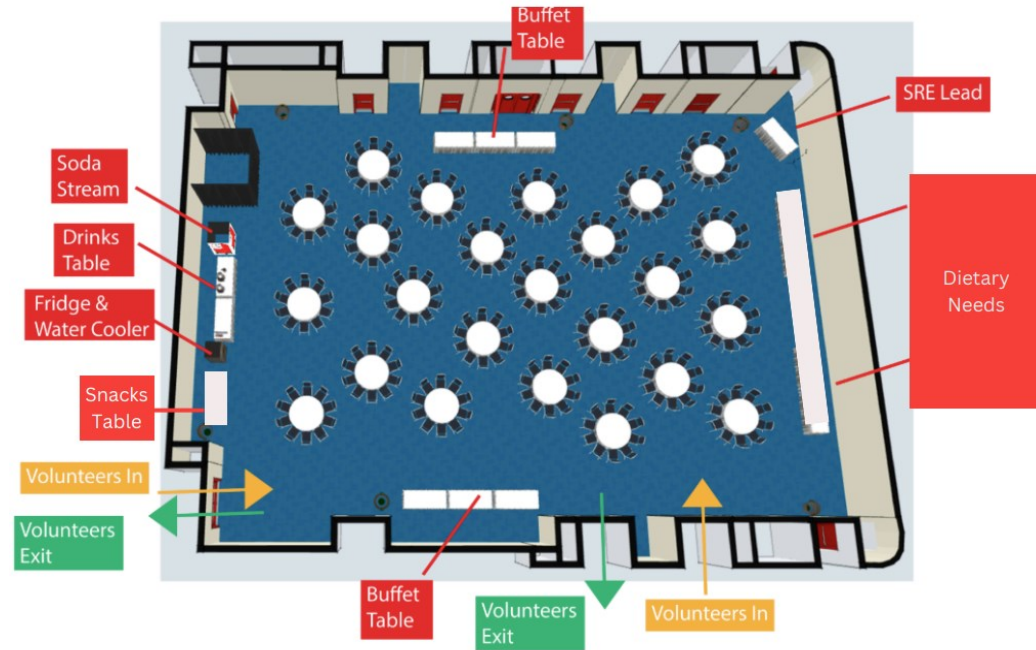
- If you make a change to the days of your shift(s) on-site at Championship, please ask your volunteer coordinator to contact the information desk to have your badge reprinted.
 - Walk-on volunteers can also eat in the café on the days they volunteer.
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- Badges will be scanned at mealtimes at entrance to the café

Menu available on-site

Volunteer Cafe

Cafe Layout

- Volunteer Central staff will scan and direct volunteers into appropriate doors
- Multiple buffet lines
- Drink table and snack table
- Overflow seating:
 - Wednesday: in foyer, Volunteer Lounge, and Volunteer Office
 - Thursday-Saturday in room 371



Dietary Restrictions

- For those who requested dietary accommodations in their registration:
 - **Halal meals** will be provided from a Halal food station inside GRB. Tickets for these meals can be picked up at the Information Booth on Level One.
 - **Kosher meals** will be available for pickup at the Dietary Restrictions table in the Volunteer Café.
 - All other special dietary meals will be available on the Dietary Restrictions table in the Volunteer Café.
- Menu available on site.

Drinks

- Bottled drinks and drink machines will be available during event hours in Café for all volunteers. Drinks will also be available in Pit areas for volunteers.
- Please be considerate and only take what you will consume so *FIRST* can do our part to eliminate any unnecessary waste. Water bottle refill stations are available around the venue.

Snacks

- Snacks will be available for volunteers at the program pit admins and in the Volunteer Cafe.

Championship Events & Activities

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Volunteer Gratitude Boards

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**Located in each program near
Pit Admin.**

Stop by and feel the love from
teams, parents, mentors,
participants, and all the people
who appreciate YOU!



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Discovery Green Block Party

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The outdoor extension of our campus

- Wednesday, April 16 - Friday, April 18

A variety of activities including: giant family and lawn games, Live Band Karaoke, Silent Disco and musical acts.

Check the [app](#) for a detailed schedule



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Innovation Faire

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Visit for Hands-On Innovative FUN!

- Wednesday, April 16-Friday, April 18
- 10:00AM-4:00PM
- Mezzanine, Level Two

Innovation Faire Night

- Thursday, April 17, 6-8:30PM
- ***You are invited*** to explore the Innovation Faire while enjoying light snacks and appetizers.



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Conferences

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The *FIRST* Championship Conference will be held Wednesday - Friday. The conference includes sessions and workshops on topics of interest to all members of the *FIRST* community in the following conference tracks:

- Discovery
- Innovation
- Impact
- Inclusion
- Teamwork

Sessions are either 15 or 45 minutes in length and will be held in rooms 340, 350 and 360 on the 3rd floor of the convention center. For a full list of conferences [download the app](#).

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FIRST Closing Ceremonies

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Saturday April 19, 1:30-6pm

- Global broadcast throughout the GRB
 - Highlights from each program
- Key awards and recognition
- Each Program will have a custom experience that includes:
 - Final matches
 - Individual Program content



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Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

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Saturday, April 19, 1:30PM

Volunteer Café Overflow Room (371)

- Watch the Closing Ceremonies in comfort
- TV wall streaming the finale with sound
- Enjoy delicious snacks and drinks
- Celebrate your hard work at Championship
- Win a raffle prize! Prizes given out throughout the celebration.



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Volunteer Information

Volunteer Central

- Volunteer central is **NOT** constantly staffed; please do not leave items unattended
- 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
- Items held onsite 30 days after the event
 - 1-800-427-4697 or [online](#)

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**

Safety Equipment

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- 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 are not required but recommended
- If you are feeling ill, please do not volunteer
- Keep your name badge with you throughout the event



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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

Non-Urgent Concerns

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Non-Urgent Concerns: Medical Incidents and Youth Protection

- Non-urgent medical incidents and Youth Protection concerns:
 - [FIRST Report a Concern](#)
- Feedback about issues surrounding game play, rule changes, and awards is best shared by contacting support at [FIRST](#).
- Handout with QR code link to the Reporting Portal from Pit Admin
- Youth Protection Program Staff:
 - (603) 206-2050
 - Room 352 C
 - safety@firstinspires.org
- All children under the age of 12 must always be accompanied by an adult when in the pit area



Safety Outside the Venue

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- 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



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Support Houston Youth

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Call to Action: Support Youth in Houston at *FIRST* Championship

FIRST is partnering with Tony's Place, a Houston-based organization. The mission of Tony's Place is to support and empower local LGBTQ+ youth. We are asking our *FIRST* community to help their mission by donating new supplies. The items needed can be packed along with you on your way to Houston! The necessities requested are:

- **Slides/Sandals/Flip-flops – All sizes**
- **Undergarments – New and in original packaging**
 - **Masculine style – Trunks, Boxer Briefs, and Boxers in all sizes**
 - **Feminine style – All undergarments in all sizes**
- **Protective hair coverings – New and in original packaging**
 - **Durag style**
 - **Silk hair bonnets**

We are so excited to have this opportunity to support youth in Houston! You can drop off your donated supplies in Room 350 C onsite at the George R. Brown Convention Center on Wednesday, April 16th from 9am-5pm CT and Thursday, April 17th from 9am-2pm CT. Thank you for your support!

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Onsite Points of Contact

FIRST Robotics Competition

- Pit Admin: Level One Halls A & 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

FIRST LEGO League Challenge and Explore

- Pit Admin: Level Three, Grand Ballroom
- Christina Goulette and Page Watt

FIRST Tech Challenge

- Pit Admin: Level Three, Hall 3B
- Vince Frascella
(vfrascella@firstpartners.org)

Onsite Points of Contact

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Volunteer Central

- Level Three, Rooms 360 D & E

*See You in
Houston!*



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Test Your Knowledge with Kahoot!

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Test your knowledge from today for a chance to WIN *FIRST* swag!

- Pickup available at Volunteer Central
- Email volunteer@firstinspires.org with your player name!

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George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

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

Super Shuttle:

- Advanced reservations highly recommended
- 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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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
- Pickup: Curb Zone 1 outside Baggage Claim and Arrivals
- Ticket counter located in Baggage Claim

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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 \$30-40 one-way



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Super Shuttle

- **Reserve in advance**- can do round-trip
- ~\$80 from Hobby one-way
- ~\$80 from IAH one-way

Omega Royal

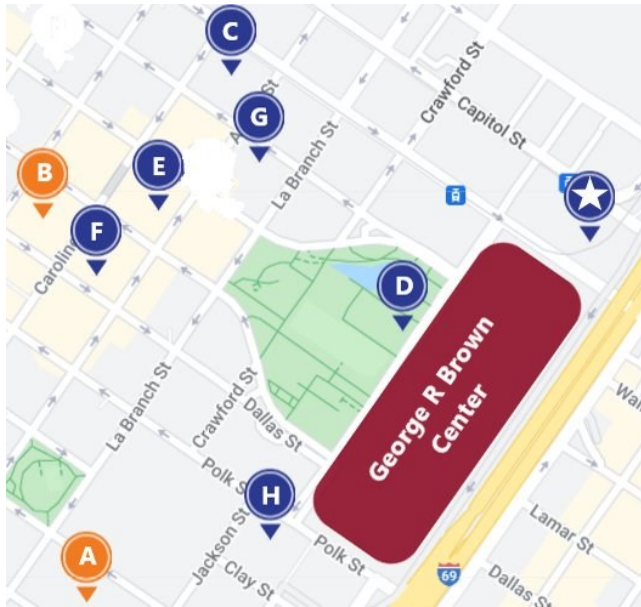
- Reserve in advance- can do round-trip
- ~\$60 from Hobby one-way
- ~\$60 from IAH one-way

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Additional 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) \$40/day
- E. [4 Houston Center East Garage](#) \$18/day
- F. Four Seasons Hotel Garage \$25/day
- G. 5 Houston Center Garage \$30/day
- H. Avenida South Garage \$40/day

Pricing may vary.

Metro Passes (Not Discounted)

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- [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
- [Online Ride Store](#) has other options, including Metro Q Ticketing App for iPhone and Android

Download for iPhone

Scan the QR code using your iPhone to download the METRO Q Ticketing App from the App Store



Download for Android

Scan the QR code using your Android phone to download the METRO Q Ticketing App from Google Play

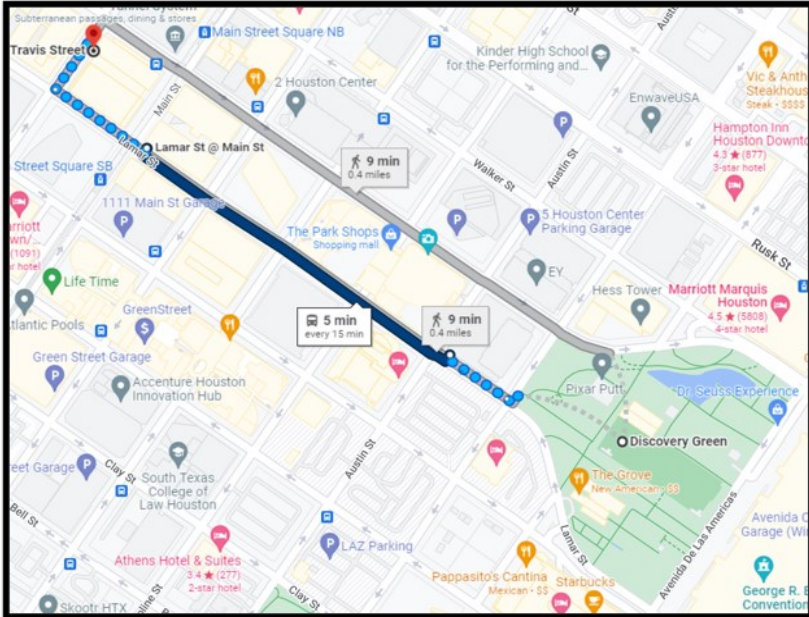


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Nearest location to purchase DAY pass is at
1001 Travis St., 8am-5pm

- You CANNOT get a refund
- Only buy what you need!
- **Customer Service: 713-635-4000**
- Online Ride Store: 713-652-8994

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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



METRO Rail



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.

Metro Services

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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

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Invitation

Dear **NAME**

REGISTER NOW

Thank you for volunteering at the 2025 *FIRST*[®] Championship presented by BAE Systems, April 16-19, 2025.

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 a global community 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.

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FIRST to register as a
volunteer**

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Step 1 - Personal Information

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STEP 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION LOGOUT

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

* Indicates required fields

Personal

First Name *

Last Name *

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

Contact Information

Email Address * (Confirmations will be sent through e-mail only)

CC Email

Title

Company/Organization

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

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Address

Address 1 *

Address 2

City *

State / Province *

Country *

Zip/Postal Code *

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact First Name *

Emergency Contact Last Name *

Relationship to Registrant *

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

Demographics

Are you a FIRST® student program participant alumnus? *

Lodging Information

Where are you staying or where do you plan to stay while you are in Houston? *

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Step 2 – Dietary Information & Meal Selection

Meal selection can be updated anytime before badge printing.

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STEP 2 MEAL SELECTION LOGOUT

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MEAL SELECTION

* Indicates required fields

Dietary Requirements

Please note: You will be provided meals only on the days you are scheduled to volunteer.

To best serve your needs and identify any special dietary requirements you may have, please select below. *

<input type="checkbox"/> Nut Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Kosher	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic	<input type="checkbox"/> Lactose Intolerance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Pescetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Halal	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	

Meal Information

Meals will be provided during the shifts that you are scheduled for on the following day and meal types.

Tuesday - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Wednesday - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Thursday - Breakfast & Lunch
Friday - Breakfast & Lunch
Saturday - Breakfast & Lunch

Your scheduled volunteer days

The dates listed below are your confirmed volunteer days. If you need assistance or have questions about your schedule, please email volunteer@firstinspires.org.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	

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Step 2 – Special Events for Volunteers

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Innovation Faire Night

Thursday, April 17th, 6:00pm-8:30pm

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?*

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, April 19th, 1:30pm

FIRST® will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration in the Volunteer Café for Championship Event Volunteers. Sit back, relax, and **enter for a chance to win awesome raffle prizes**. 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?*

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Step 3 – Terms and Conditions

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STEP 3 POLICIES LOGOUT


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POLICIES

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.*
- I understand and acknowledge that by attending FIRST® Championship I will be subject to audio and video recordings, photography, and public broadcast, and that the voice and likeness of attendees, volunteers, and participants may be collected by FIRST® and used as a record of the event and for the non-commercial promotion of FIRST®.*

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Step 4 – Registration Verification

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STEP 4 VERIFICATION LOGOUT

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REGISTRATION VERIFICATION

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.

Edit Personal Information

Edit Dietary Requirements

Edit Policies

Personal Information

First Name	Name
Last Name	Name
Company	
Address1	123 main st
Address2	
city	brooklyn

Province / State	New York
Country	United States
Postal Code / Zip	11220
Phone	1234567890
Email	Email
Dietary Requirements	None
Your Scheduled Volunteer Days. If you need assistance or have questions about your schedule, please email volunteer@firstinspires.org	Tuesday,Thursday
Will you be joining us for the Innovation Faire Night on Thursday?	Yes
Will you be joining us Saturday for the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration?	Yes

Registration Details

Item	Qty
Name Volunteer	1

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Step 5 – Thank you!

The screenshot shows a web page for the FIRST 2025 Championship. At the top, the logo for 'FIRST 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP' is displayed, with 'PRESENTED BY BAE SYSTEMS' below it. A progress bar at the top left shows five steps, with the fifth step, '5', highlighted. Below the progress bar is a blue header bar with the text 'STEP 5 THANK YOU' on the left and a 'LOGOUT' button on the right. The main content area is white and features the heading 'THANK YOU' in bold. Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: 'Thank you for registering for 2025 FIRST® Championship taking place April 16-19, 2025. For registration or housing related questions, please contact ConferenceDirect at: FIRSTChampionship@conferencedirect.com. For all other questions, please contact FIRST® at volunteer@firstinspires.org'. Below this text is a blue button labeled 'BOOK HOTEL'. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright 2025 - For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)' and the FIRST logo.

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Registration Confirmation Email

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Confirmation #24250490-705

Dear NAME

Thank you for registering to attend the 2025 FIRST® Championship presented by BAE Systems on April 16-19, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you!

EDIT REGISTRATION

BOOK HOTEL

MODIFY EXISTING HOTEL

Personal Information

First Name:	Name
Last Name:	Name
Title:	
Company:	
Address 1:	123 main st
City:	brooklyn
State:	New York
Zip/Postal Code:	11220
Country:	United States
Mobile Phone:	1234567890
Email Address:	Email
Mobile Phone:	1234567890

Select 'edit registration' to update the days you are volunteering if needed.

Dietary Requirements: None
Other Dietary Requirements:
Volunteer Days: Tu,Th
Innovation Faire Night: Yes
Volunteer Appreciation Celebration: Yes

Review Your Registration

Item
NAME
Volunteer

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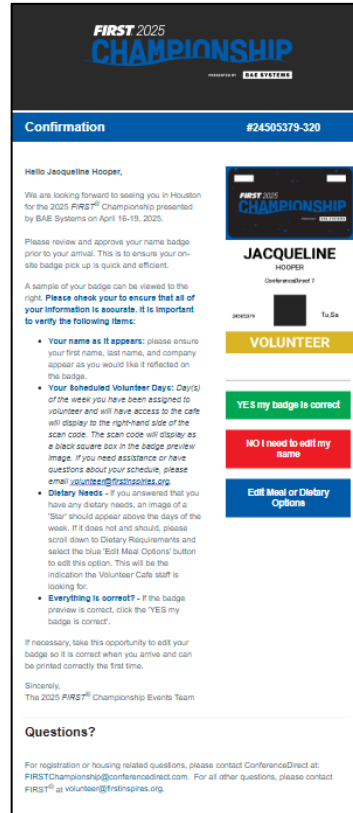
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Badge Confirmation Email Sent on Wednesday 4/9



- Confirm that the days you are volunteering are correct on your badge.
- Confirm that if you selected any dietary restrictions, you have a star on your badge.
- If either of these are incorrect, select 'Edit Meal or Dietary Options' to make updates.
- If correct, select 'Yes my badge is correct'.

Get your Volunteer Swag!

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Engage With the Community

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Post your videos and photos of the event on social media – tag *FIRST* handles and use the following hashtags:

- Event hashtag: **#FIRSTChamp** *Use this hashtag on all FIRST Championship content!*
- Narrative Hashtags: We are using [#GetAnywhere](#) to unite the community in a fun, authentic and engaging dialogue that is universal to the *FIRST* experience. The [#GetAnywhere](#) campaign demonstrates that *FIRST* helps build STEM skills that are critical for all careers, even ones not traditionally considered “STEM.” *Tip: [watch our “Get Anywhere” video series here](#) for more inspiration!*
- Additional Hashtags:
 - [#FIRSTDIVE](#) (season hashtag)
 - [#REEFSCAPE](#) (*FIRST* Robotics Competition season hashtag)
 - [#INTOTHEDEEP](#) (*FIRST* Tech Challenge season hashtag)
 - [#SUBMERGED](#) (*FIRST* LEGO League season hashtag)
 - [#omgrobots](#)
 - [#morethanrobots](#)

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Tips for creating #GetAnywhere Content

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- Share your personal story about how your *FIRST*-learned skills have helped you get where you are today with the hashtag #GetAnywhere.
- Share your thoughts on how *FIRST* equips you with the STEM and real-world skills needed for a variety of careers and educational opportunities.
- Be true to yourself – social media is all about authenticity! If you feel comfortable, share some challenges and/or failures that helped you learn and grow along the way and empowered you to #GetAnywhere (your story may inspire someone else to push through something challenging!).

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The Elements of a Great *FIRST* Story

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- **It *Enlightens***

- Provides info to help the community understand your *FIRST* story, your unique perspective on how *FIRST* has impacted you, and the difference you are making through your work with *FIRST*.
- Captures the spirit of community-wide *FIRST* values, including: teamwork, *Cooperation*® and *Gracious Professionalism*®

- **It *Entertains***

- Grabs attention within the first three seconds – something relatable, engaging, light-hearted and easy to share. For inspiration, check out the *FIRST* Official channels and various *FIRST* team accounts to understand the types of content students are interested in seeing.

- **It *Evokes Emotion***

- Stories that inspire people to feel something, ignites conversation and interaction, prompts people to share, and allows the audience to see themselves in the story you are telling. Highlight how you are empowering others to realize their full potential through *FIRST*.

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