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About FIRST® LEGO® League Explore

Overview

Kids are challenged to explore a STEM topic, then present what they learned on their team journey through their team poster and a motorized LEGO® model. Teams will present their season accomplishments at the FIRST LEGO League Explore World Festival in the Grand Ballroom, Level 3.

SUBMERGEDSM Challenge

FIRST® LEGO® League Explore students (grades 2-4) investigated concepts in a variety of ocean environments during the SUBMERGED season, and built ocean habitats, animals, vehicles, and places where research can be conducted. They also explored coding and motorizing parts of their team model. Teams will present their season accomplishments at the FIRST LEGO League Explore World Festival in the Grand Ballroom, Level 3.

Coaches' Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

Location: 361 C

This is your opportunity to hear about important procedures and timelines, and it gives you the opportunity to ask questions. **You will receive your team's assigned reviewing time at the meeting.** Don't miss this important meeting!

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Team Check-in

Date: Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Optional early-bird check-in Wednesday, April 16, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3

Teams can print their badges at the registration desk on the first floor at the George R. Brown Center. The Main Contact listed on the registration should receive an email containing a bar code one week before the event. The Main Contact can scan the barcode in the email or search for their team by number/name.

After receiving your team's badges, please proceed to the level 3 ballroom and head to the Pit Admin table to check-in your team and receive your assigned Pit Space and detailed information about the event. Please make sure that an adult always accompanies team members.

Team Load-in/Setup

Date: Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Optional early-bird check-in Wednesday, April 16, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3

Teams may load-in and setup models and their "Team Pit Space" between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 17. The pit is where your team will spend most of its time. It is the area where you can showcase your team, relax between your scheduled events, practice with your robot, and most importantly, get to know other *FIRST* LEGO League teams from all over the world!

Your team will be assigned to an 8 feet x 8 feet (2.4 meters x 2.4 meters) space which will be your home at the World Festival. Each space will have one standard-sized table and two chairs. Short pipe and drapes will frame the space on three sides, but any decorations you bring must be supported with a structure you bring or create. You may decorate it in a way to showcase your country, state, and/or your unique and fun team identity. We encourage you to be creative, but please consider the following limitations and restrictions:

- Decorate within your pit space. Also, consider 10 feet (3 meters) as a height limit as well. For safety reasons, your decorations must remain within this space.
- You will have access to 1, 120-volt electrical outlet. We encourage you to bring an extension cord and a power strip for you to plug in multiple devices simultaneously.
- Please do NOT bring or use helium balloons or open flames. No team should cook or prepare food in the pit area.

Team Load-out

Date: Friday, April 18

Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3

We ask that teams load-out and remove all items from their Pit by **4:30 pm on Friday**.

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Number of Team Members

FIRST LEGO League Explore teams comprise of 2-6 kids, ages 6-10. Teams may not have more than 6 members. Up to 6 medals will be given to each team.

Explore Festival and Reviewing

Date: Friday, April 18

Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3

Reviewing will take place on Friday, April between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm in the team's pits. Reviewing sessions will be approximately 15 minutes each. Teams will receive their reviewing time at the Coaches' Meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Awards Ceremony

Date: Saturday, April 19, 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

Location: General Assembly, Level 3

We encourage all teams to attend the Explore Awards Ceremony – trophies will be presented, and we'll celebrate teams' accomplishments from the event.

The *FIRST* LEGO League Explore and Challenge combined ceremony will take place from 1:00pm to 2:15 pm, followed by the Challenge Awards Ceremony.

Family Engagement Zone

Date: Thursday, April 17 – Saturday, April 19

Location: Pre-Function Area, Level 3

Participate in LEGO mural making, Six Bricks games, building challenges, and more! Adult supervision required.

World Festival Team Number

Teams are assigned a special team number for the World Festival, which is different from the team number assigned in your country. The World Festival team number will be used throughout the event and on the event schedule.