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Coming to you from FIRST® LEGO® League Jr. Headquarters in Manchester, NH, USA.

We are excited to welcome you to the FIRST® LEGO® League Jr. World Festival Expo at the FIRST® Championship in Detroit, Michigan, USA on April 25-28! Below is important information that will be helpful to you and your team as you plan your trip.

- Items in **green** are specifically for teams **outside** the United States and Canada.
- Items in **blue** are specifically for United States and Canadian teams.
- Items in **yellow** require action by ALL teams.

Welcome!

The FIRST® Championship is a culminating celebration for teams from [all FIRST programs](#). From April 25–28, teams from around the globe will be together in Detroit at the **Cobo Center**. Many activities are in the works to encourage teams to visit and support the other FIRST programs – we will share information about these activities with you in the coming weeks.

Schedule of Events

Check out the [FIRST Championship Website](#) for an up-to-the-minute event schedule. Here, you can filter the schedule to show a detailed schedule specifically for FIRST LEGO League Jr. teams. We'll also be sending a more detailed day-to-day team schedule as we get closer to the event.

Hotel Accommodations and Badging

We are working with Experient Inc. for hotel accommodations and badging. **Please note – Experient receives an updated team list from our registration system every Tuesday and Thursday.** This may cause a delay in-between the time your team is registered and the time you are able to search for your team on their website to book your accommodations. You can find information about booking room blocks for your team at many hotels throughout Detroit [here](#).

Action Required – Badging

In order to access the event, all attendees (team members, volunteers, families, and friends) must have a badge. Your team's coach must request badges for everyone traveling with your team. These badges will be available for pickup at the Team Registration/Check-In in Detroit. You can find information about badging [here](#).

Important Note: This badging process is separate from the World Festival team registration process.

Action Required – Payment Deadline: The deadline for the World Festival Expo payment of \$300.00 USD is **March 9** or **March 26**. Please make sure your team has completed payment by the deadline date.



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Action May Be Required - Traveling Abroad?



Teams traveling from outside of the United States who need assistance securing visas should contact us as soon as possible. A generic event invitation will be sent automatically following initial team registration. Email us at WorldFestivalExpo@firstinspires.org to get individual, official letters if needed to help speed the visa process along.

All about Detroit



Weather

The weather in Detroit varies from season to season, but easily changes on a whim. The average temperature in April can vary between a high of 69° to as low as 27°F. Make sure your team plans accordingly.

Travel & Local Information

Detroit has public transportation that makes getting around the city easy and affordable. Whether you need transportation from the airport to your hotel or to one of the local attractions, there are plenty of public transportation options. For information on the city's public transportation, local attractions, and restaurants please visit the Visit Detroit Championship website [here](#).

Action Required - Team Rosters for United States and Canadian Teams

All teams from the United States and Canada are required to complete their team roster in your [team's account](#). The team roster will show if team members have completed their electronic *FIRST* Consent and Release forms. If you have not already done so, invite your team members'



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parents to go into the system to complete the consent form electronically - this will save you time!

We're looking forward to seeing you soon! Stay tuned for our next email on Wednesday, March 21st, which will contain more important information about the event.

Links

[CMP Website](#) | [Experient \(Registration & Housing\)](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Blog](#)