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

Dear World Festival Expo Teams:

This is the 2nd email blast for the *FIRST* LEGO League Jr. World Festival Expo at the *FIRST*® Championship in Houston, TX, USA. If your team recently registered for the event – welcome! If you missed our previous email, you can find it [here](#).

Important event information is contained within these email blasts. Please read ALL information as it may pertain to your team and/or travel arrangements.

- 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.

What's New?

It's time to book your *FIRST*® Championship travel! Book your discounted hotel, car rental, ground transportation and airfare with *FIRST*. When you book through *FIRST*, you'll be booking secure and safe travel that's been vetted by us at the best price. For more information, check out the Championship Travel Discount webpage [here](#).

Number of Team Members

- Teams **MAY NOT** have more than 6 student members. Up to 2 adult coaches, and 1 translator designated by World Festival Expo buttons can be with the team in team-only areas.
- Teams will receive World Festival Expo buttons during team load-in on Thursday.

On-Site Registration

- We kindly request that only 1 coach stand in line for registration. The remaining team members, accompanied by an adult, can begin setting up in the Pits.
- For teams who **HAVE** completed badging for all team members, coaches, family and friends on the Experient Website, badges can be picked up on the third floor of the George R. Brown Convention Center at the Experient Kiosks prior to load-in on Thursday, April 19. **Load-in will be open for teams from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.**
- After you have picked your badges, please proceed to the World Festival Expo team check-in table in room 320A to receive your team buttons, table assignments, and registration event packets.



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Load In and Team Check-In

- If your team must ship materials to Houston, please work with your hotel to make shipment accommodations. *FIRST* will NOT be able to accept team shipments to the George R. Brown Convention Center.
- More information will come your way regarding load-in in a team blast in early April.

Team Experience

Have FUN!!! We want all teams to have a fun and exciting experience. Some teams have t-shirts, hats or matching costumes. Some teams also choose to decorate their Expo space.



Team Expo Space

The Expo space is where your team will spend most of their time. It is the area where you can showcase your team and get to know the other World Festival Expo teams from all over the world!

- Your team will be assigned one table 6' x 2.5' (183 cm x 76 cm) with a small area to hang items behind and in front of your table. This will be your team's space at the World Festival Expo.
- You may decorate it in a way to showcase your country, your state, your project, and your unique and fun team identity. We encourage you to be creative, but please consider the following limitations and restrictions:
 - For safety reasons, your decorations must remain within this space.
 - You will have NO access to electrical outlets.
 - We encourage you charge all devices prior to arrival each day. A small charging station will be available on-site, but will be unmonitored and at your own risk.



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Reviewing:

Reviewing at the *FIRST* LEGO League Jr. World Festival Expo allows teams to share their experiences and discoveries with others. Volunteers called “Reviewers” will ask team members to introduce themselves, describe their Show Me poster, and explain their team model. Each team will have 10 minutes with reviewers in a reviewing space separate from the event space.

- Your team will be assigned to a reviewing time at the Coaches Meeting on Thursday.
- Each team will have the opportunity to meet with Reviewers and share with friends and family.
- More information to come in our April 4th email blast.



Schedule and 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.

Welcome Party presented by NRG at Discovery Green Park



Thursday, April 19: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm (Special opening for *FIRST* LEGO League Jr. teams at 5:00 pm)

The *FIRST* Championship Houston Welcome Party, presented by NRG, is a festival environment with fun for all ages. Featuring musical acts and activities throughout, don't miss this Championship kick off experience located in Discovery Green Park, which is directly across from the George R. Brown Convention Center.

The event will feature:

- Digital Graffiti Walls
- Giant Lite Brite
- Giant Board and Family Games
- Photo Booths
- Balloon Artists
- Face Painting
- Silent Disco
- Musical Acts

FIRST LEGO League Jr. Awards Ceremony

- **Time:** Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Place:** General Assembly



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Important Reminders:

- **Deadline:** World Festival Expo Team Registration and Payment of \$300.00 USD is March 26. Please make sure your team has completed payment by the deadline date.

- **Traveling Abroad? – Action May Be Required**

Teams traveling from outside of the United States and who need assistance to secure visas should contact us as soon as possible. Email WorldFestivalExpo@firstinspires.org to get individualized official letters if needed to help speed the visa process along.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Links

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