



# VOLUNTEERS

**If you want to empower the next generation of changemakers and innovators, there is a spot for you as a *FIRST*® volunteer!**

*FIRST*® LEGO® League volunteers are part of a global robotics community preparing young people for the future. Even if you only have a few hours to give, your contribution can make a difference. Working side by side with *FIRST* participants, volunteers play an important role in shaping young minds and inspiring students to achieve.

#### WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:

- Volunteer at an event
- Mentor or coach a team
- Serve on a local planning committee
- Lend technical or professional expertise

#### VOLUNTEERS CAN INCLUDE:

- Community members and leaders
- Parents
- Teachers/Professors
- Professionals (technical or non-technical)
- Employees of corporate sponsors
- College students and faculty
- *FIRST* alumni
- *FIRST* teams/participants
- Friends and family members of students

**“Volunteering with *FIRST* LEGO League encourages me and energizes me. It gives me hope seeing the excitement around STEM and knowing that our future is going to be brighter because of these young innovators.”**

— NICK BURGART, *FIRST* LEGO LEAGUE JUDGE

AGES

9–16\*

GRADES

4–8

#### VOLUNTEERS:

- Have a life-changing impact on the lives of young people
- Foster a spirit of teamwork, innovation, and valuing others
- Help young people apply real-world concepts and gain self-confidence
- Share their life experience, skills, and abilities
- Are inspired and energized through their participation
- Are part of a strong, fun, and enthusiastic *FIRST* volunteer community!

[FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://firstinspires.org/volunteer)

\*Ages vary by country



### JOIN THE FUN AND VOLUNTEER AT A *FIRST* EVENT

*FIRST* hosts more than 3,700 events around the globe annually. Volunteer roles range from fun squads and safety glass monitors to judges, emcees, and referees. Volunteering at an event is a great way to share technical or professional knowledge, but you do not need special skills or expertise to volunteer.



### BE A MENTOR OR COACH WITH A *FIRST* LEGO LEAGUE TEAM

Mentor and coach roles and responsibilities can include:

- Supporting playful, hands-on learning through guided questions, empowering team members to make critical decisions
- Helping the team set realistic goals and follow season guidelines
- Facilitating meetings and helping the team orchestrate the work
- Ensuring a process for all team members to engage in each part of the challenge and season
- Handling administrative responsibilities such as event registration
- Communicating with parents, guardians, or other family members
- Supporting the team at events, reviewing any feedback with the team, and celebrating their accomplishments with them after the event

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A *FIRST* VOLUNTEER

[www.firstinspires.org/volunteer](http://www.firstinspires.org/volunteer)



*FIRST* LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children ages 4-16 (ages vary by country) through fun, exciting hands-on learning. The program consists of three divisions by age group: *FIRST* LEGO League Discover (ages 4-6); *FIRST* LEGO League Explore (ages 6-10); and *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge (ages 9-16).



\*\*Prior technical experience is not required for any division, but teams in *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge will work with a robot and teams in *FIRST* LEGO League Explore have the option to use a LEGO® Education technology set to build and code. *FIRST*® and the *FIRST*® logo are trademarks of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (*FIRST*). LEGO® is a registered trademark of the LEGO Group. *FIRST*® LEGO® League is a jointly held trademark of *FIRST* and the LEGO Group. © 2021 *FIRST* and the LEGO Group. All rights reserved. FL072