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## About FIRST<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League Explore

### Overview

During the UNEARTHED™ season, FIRST<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League Explore students (grades 2-4) investigated the past as if they were a team of archaeologists and presented what they learned on their team journey through their team poster and a motorized LEGO<sup>®</sup> model. Teams will highlight their season accomplishments at the FIRST LEGO League Explore World Festival in the Grand Ballroom, Level 3.

## Coaches' Meeting

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

**Location: TBD**

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!

## Team Check-in

**Date: Thursday, April 30, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Optional early-bird check-in Wednesday, April 29, 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.

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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 30, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Optional early-bird check-in Wednesday, April 29, 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 30. 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 pipes 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 highlight 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, May 1**

**Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3**

We ask that teams load-out and remove all items from their Pit by **5:00 pm on Friday**.

## **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.

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## Explore Festival and Reviewing

**Date: Friday, May 1**

**Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

**Location: Grand Ballroom, Level 3**

Reviewing will take place on Friday, May 1 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, May 2, 12:00 pm -12:30 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 following the Explore Awards Ceremony, and the Challenge Awards Ceremony will happen after that.

## Family Engagement Zone

**Date: Thursday, April 30 – Friday, May 1**

**Location: Pre-Function Area, Level 3**

Participate in LEGO mural making, Six Bricks games, building challenges, and more! Adult supervision is 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, between 1 and 40, will be used throughout the event and on the event schedule.

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