



# **HOW IT WORKS**

We express the FIRST® philosophies of Gracious Professionalism® and Coopertition® through our Core Values:

**Discovery:** We explore new skills and ideas.

**Innovation:** We use creativity and persistence to solve problems.

**Impact:** We apply what we learn to improve our world.

**Inclusion:** We respect each other and embrace our differences.

**Teamwork:** We are stronger when we work together.

Fun: We enjoy and celebrate what we do!

"I want to build things nobody else has even thought of yet."

» CHARLES PETERSON, TEAM MEMBER (10 YEARS OLD) FIRST® LEGO® League introduces young people, ages 9 to 16' (grades 4-8), to the fun and excitement of science and technology, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and valuable career and life skills. The program challenges students to think like scientists and engineers. Alongside adult coaches and mentors, teams solve problems and learn engineering concepts, presentation techniques and programming. FIRST LEGO League was created through a partnership between FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and the LEGO® Group. 'Ages vary by country

#### **Children:**

- Learn teamwork skills
- Research challenges facing today's scientists
- Design, build, and program autonomous robots

#### **Get started:**

You will need:

- ■Teams of up to 10 children, ages 9 to 16\* (grades 4-8) \*Ages vary by country
- Adult coaches and mentors
- Meeting place (school, after-school, homeschool, or community space)
- Parents, teachers, community volunteers to help
- LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Robot Set and annual Challenge Set
- Minimum 8 weeks

## **2018-2019 Facts** (Projected):

- **324,000 children**
- **)** 40,500 teams
- > ~95 countries
- Minimum 8-week design, build, and research period
- 100,000+ volunteers
- **1,000+ sponsors**
- ▶ ~1,500 events worldwide

#### What it offers:

- Application of science and math concepts
- Hands-on problem solving
- Programming experience

- New real-world themed challenge each year
- Sports-like tournaments with judges and awards





# Proven, verifiable impact for participants in FIRST LEGO League\*









\*Brandeis University, 2013 FIRST® LEGO® League Evaluation Study

## **Season Overview:**

- May-September
  Online team registration (U.S./Canada)
- August Challenge release
- September-March
  Build, program, and research
- November-March
  Tournament season

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