

Local FIRST LEGO League Teams Head To Long Island Championship

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Following a series of qualifiers, 39 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League teams from Nassau and Suffolk Counties are set to compete at the Long Island Championship at Longwood High School on Sunday, March 3. During the event, presented by School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc. (SBPLI), students ages nine to 14 will present their LEGO robots to address the challenge set forth in this year's theme—First Into Orbitism.

These teams were among the more than 200 that worked hard this season to research, design, build, program and test LEGO robots that address a problem astronauts have faced during space travel. Students evaluated current solutions to the problem they identified, and designed, built and tested an innovative solution using a LEGO MINDSTORMS kit.

Students presented their solutions during one of six qualifier tournaments that were held at Mineola High School and Huntington High School in late January and early February. At the Championship, these teams will look to advance to the FIRST World Festival in Detroit on April 24-27.

This will be the 15th year that FIRST LEGO League has enabled students on Long Island to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through building and problem-solving. In addition, 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the SBPLI Long Island Regional FIRST Robotics Competition. FIRST's history and long-lasting impact on Long Island will be honored at all events this year.

"It's wonderful to see so many students getting excited about the FIRST LEGO League challenge this year," said Stephanie Stern, program codirector and FIRST Long Island representative. "I was so impressed by each team's performance during the qualifiers and enjoyed seeing how many skills they picked up by participating in the program—everything from teamwork to Gracious Professionalism to STEM education. I can't wait to see what the students bring to the championship. Join us between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., there is no admission fee."

For more information on SBPLI and the FIRST Long Island continuum of programs, or to become a sponsor, visit www.sbpli-lifirst.org.

The following 39 teams have advanced to the SBPLI Long Island FIRST LEGO League Championship, which will take place on Sunday, March 3, at Longwood High School:

Number	Name	Town
92	Sea Lions	Seaford
376	RoboHawks	Jericho
684	STOBOR	Syosset
1087	BRAINSTORMERS	Bayport
1139	HBT BOTS	Syosset
2438	Camolbots	Floral Park
2757	The Space Falcons	Locust Valley
2758	Robotic Fire Lazer Falcons	Locust Valley
4756	Diamond Cube	Jericho
5357	Imagination in a Nutshell	Jericho
6116	Rocky Point Robo Eagles	Rocky Point
6435	Fire Dragons	Rocky Point
8085	Rocky Point Radical Robotix	Rocky Point
10425	Harborfields Library Purple LEGO Eaters	Centerport

11362	Solar Flare Bears	Stony Brook
11363	Bear Force One	Stony Brook
13071	Indians	Floral Park
14823	Teach Me How To LEGO	Baldwin
15261	Rocken Robos	Plainview
15262	Mattlin Pride	Plainview
16174	Meteorites	Hicksville
16286	The Humanoids	Lake Grove
16374	Robo Innovators	East Meadow
23785	Meteorites Squared	Hicksville
26166	IP Pineapples	Island Park
27741	Think Outside the Earth	Jericho
27743	The Robosaurus	Stony Brook
28779	Bethpage RoboEagles	Bethpage
31704	Jack Abrams STEM-Agrinauts	Huntington Station
33410	Taco Brothers	Garden City
36990	Roslyn Space Turkeys	Roslyn
37506	Microchip Cookies	Plainview
37507	WALL-E-Workers	New Hyde Park
37857	Time Travelers	Island Park
38503	Techno Queens	Jericho
39704	STEAM Mates	New Hyde Park
39029	Mindstorms Masters	Dix Hills
41891	Techo Clan	Great Neck
41971	OLOW Nachoritos	Port Jefferson

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