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FIRST LEGO League Informational Session

New Braunfels, TX – On Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Community Center located at 2932 S. IH 35, the New Braunfels Public Library’s Youth Services staff will host a free informational session for adults interested in forming a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) robotics team. The New Braunfels Public Library is sponsoring six FLL teams for the 2014-2015 season, which begins in late August.

FLL teams of two to ten kids, aged nine to fourteen, plus two adult coaches, build an autonomous computer-controlled LEGO Mindstorms robot. Each team’s robot competes by participating in missions for points on a specially designed game board. Teams purchase a robotics kit, pay a registration fee, and complete the challenge set by the worldwide FIRST organization.

Teams can either be from local community groups, such as youth organizations, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, 4-H clubs, and from home school groups, students sponsored by a business or professional group, or a group of friends coached by parents.

Over 22,000 teams from almost 80 countries participated in last year’s FLL season, which was from September 2013 through March 2014. FLL markets the competition as “the hardest fun you’ll ever have.”

“FIRST Robotics builds engineering and computer science skills, getting students ready for jobs in one of the fastest-growing and highest-paying fields in the U.S.,” says Youth Services Librarian Kit Ward-Crixell. “Last year, 50 per cent of seniors who competed at the high-school level in the national FIRST Robotics Competition received college scholarships.”

To register for the session, call 830-221-4300, or sign-up online via the library website calendar, found at <http://nbtexas.libcal.com/event.php?id=619967>.

For more information about the FIRST LEGO program, contact Kit Ward-Crixell at 830-221-4319.

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