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## Library Hosts *FIRST* LEGO League Information Sessions

New Braunfels, TX - Anyone who is interested in learning about the *FIRST* LEGO League competitive robotics program is invited to attend an informational session on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the New Braunfels Public Library, or Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Community Center. Interested attendees are asked to register beforehand, either online at [www.nbtexas.org/libraryevents](http://www.nbtexas.org/libraryevents) or by calling the library at 830-221-4300.

The New Braunfels Public Library will sponsor four *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) teams for the 2015-16 competitive season, which starts in August. The program is free and open to children ages 9-14, however space is very limited. Attendance (with a parent or guardian) at one of the informational sessions is required in order to be eligible to join a library-sponsored team. Potential new members will also be expected to attend a two-day workshop later in the summer.

At the informational sessions, head coach and library technician Megan Clark will explain the recruitment process, time commitment, season schedule, the robot game and engineering project, and the next steps for families who are interested in joining a team, as well as provide information about how families and community groups can establish their own teams.

“We want to be sure families know that the FLL program is a lot of fun, but also a lot of work and a big time commitment,” says Clark. “Team members will learn complex computer programming skills and design real engineering solutions to community problems. In order to ensure that the library-sponsored program is a success for all involved, we need a high level of participation from team members and their families.”

To learn more about the program expectations and eligibility requirements, visit [www.nbplrobotics.wordpress.com/join](http://www.nbplrobotics.wordpress.com/join).

“We are also seeking parent volunteer coaches, mentors, and team coordinators,” Clark added. “No experience in programming is necessary.”

FLL is a worldwide competition, with over 25,000 teams in 80 countries. FLL is part of the *FIRST* family of robotics competitions for ages 6-18. Kids who compete there have the opportunity to move up to higher-level competitions and become eligible for over \$20 million in college scholarships. To learn more, visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).

The library also sponsors a *FIRST* Tech Challenge team for students ages 14-18. For more about this team, call the library at 830-221-4300 or email [nbplrobotics@gmail.com](mailto:nbplrobotics@gmail.com).

The FLL program is made possible with the support of The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library.

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