

FIRST LEGO League Challenge

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the cost of running a FIRST LEGO League Challenge Team?

- Each registered Girl Scout is required to pay a \$50 program fee to cover her participation in FIRST LEGO League Challenge for the season.
- If the prospective participant is not a currently registered Girl Scout, she will need to become a registered Girl Scout in order to participate. The Girl Scout membership fee is a \$25 annual payment.
- Additional Financial Assistance is available for Girl Scouts upon request.
- Girl Scouts of Western Ohio offers a generous season stipend on top of the reduced participation fee, covering an estimated cost of \$2,200 for a new FIRST LEGO League Challenge Team.

What is the time commitment for participating in FIRST LEGO Challenge League?

- FIRST LEGO Challenge League teams are encouraged to meet for at least two hours on a weekly basis from August until December to have ample time to prepare for the competition. Additional time may be required depending on tournament schedules and competition advancement.

What are the girl eligibility requirements to participate in FIRST LEGO League Challenge?

- Girl Scout-sponsored FIRST LEGO League Challenge teams are made up of 4-10 registered Girl Scouts who are either Juniors or Cadettes (grades 4th – 8th).

What does the FIRST LEGO League Challenge competition look like?

- Tournaments are built around an annual season theme. Teams are tasked with programming their robot to complete different challenges related to the theme for points. Teams are scored on more than just their robot's capabilities—they earn additional points for researching a community/global issue of their choosing (related to the theme), and presenting their sustainable solution to a panel of judges. Teams are also scored on their group ethics, referred to as “Coopertition,” where they are expected to demonstrate “Gracious Professionalism.”
- Tournaments are hosted by FIRST LEGO League Challenge partners in regional areas all the way up to the World Festival. Qualifying tournaments may be in place for regional competition.
- To get a better picture, check out YouTube for videos of competitions all around the country!

Who are the coaches?

- All teams must have two registered and background checked adults with FIRST LEGO League Challenge and Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. There is no fee associated with FLL for coach participation. The Girl Scout Adult Membership Fee is a \$25 annual payment.
- If you need support identifying a Head Coach or Assistant Coach to support your FIRST LEGO League team, please reach out to your local Girl Scout Program Coordinator.



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Where do teams meet?

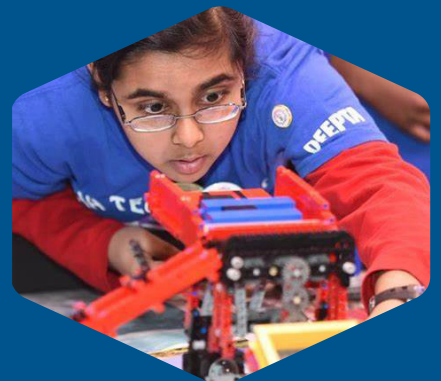
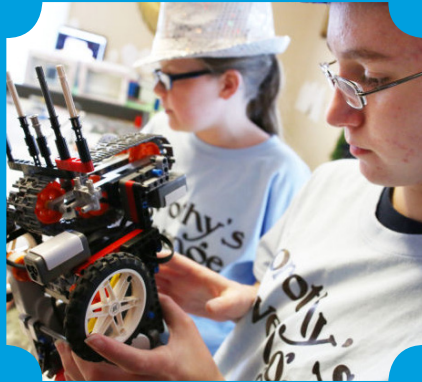
- Teams can gather for meetings in an approved troop meeting location, or may schedule time to use council facilities. Meeting spaces require enough space for approximately a 9' x 4' practice table.

What are the different ways we can form a FIRST LEGO League Challenge team?

- Sign up with your existing Girl Scout Troop
- Sign up with part of your existing Girl Scout Troop
- Form a new troop specifically for FIRST LEGO League Challenge
- Combine interested Girl Scouts who are either Juliette's or participate in different troops to form a new team

What additional support will a FIRST LEGO League Challenge team receive from Girl Scouts of Western Ohio?

- Each FIRST LEGO League Challenge Team will receive a regional contact from the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Program Department for ongoing administrative support throughout the season. The Program Department will get your team registered online with FIRST LEGO League, prepare your team with a 'Welcome Binder,' order & issue your team's equipment, and prepare your team's financial support from council. Your contact from the Program Department will also be able to connect you with the other council-sponsored teams practicing in your region and identify organizations who can offer training support throughout the season.



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