



## HOW IT WORKS

### FIRST EFFECTS

Evaluation data indicates that...

**Among FIRST Tech Challenge participants:**

- › 86% are more interested in doing well in school
- › 84% plan to take a more challenging math or science course
- › 84% are more interested in going to college

**Among FIRST participants:**

- › 98% improved problem solving skills
- › 95% increased time management skills
- › 93% increased conflict resolution skills
- › 76%+ strengthened communication skills
- › 89.6% of FIRST Alumni are in a STEM field as a student or professional

2011 FIRST Robotics Competition – FIRST Tech Challenge Evaluation Survey of FIRST Robotics Competition and FIRST Tech Challenge Alumni

### The FIRST® Tech Challenge (Ages 12-18, Grades 7-12)

- Provides affordable, accessible opportunities to compete head to head using an exciting sports model
- Offers students a chance to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles

### How it works

- Ages 12-18 (Grades 7-12)
- About 10 students per team
- 2 to 3 Mentors per team
- Teams use a modular robotics platform – powered by Android technology – to design, build, and compete in a FIRST-designed game
- Includes schools, home schools, after-school groups, churches, civic organizations, neighborhood groups
- Corporate Sponsors
- Exciting sports-like events with judges and awards
- Up to 48 teams per event
- Adaptable program that can be used in and out of the classroom

### What it offers

- Explore the creative problem-solving process within an intense, fun sports competition model
- Be part of an engaged and supportive community
- Design, build, and program robots
- Gain hands-on programming and rapid-prototyping experience
- Apply real-world math and science concepts
- Document the engineering process
- Develop problem-solving, organizational, and team-building skills
- Learn about *Gracious Professionalism*®
- Compete and cooperate in Alliances at tournaments
- Build life skills while building robots and work towards participating in tournaments and World Championship
- Qualify for more than \$16 million in college scholarships
- Have fun!

### 2016–2017 Season overview\*

May 18, 2016.....	Online Registration Opens
September 10, 2016.....	Kickoff
October – February .....	Leagues and Meets
November – March.....	State and Regional Tournaments
February – April.....	Super-Regional Championship Tournaments
April 19-22, 2017 .....	FIRST Championship Houston/ FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship
April 26-29, 2017 .....	FIRST Championship St. Louis/ FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship

\*Visit <http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc> for the most up-to-date details.

## ***GET INVOLVED!***

Join or start a team in your area



Sponsor a team, event, or local *FIRST*® program



Become a team Mentor or Coach



Volunteer to fill over 100 roles

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