



Coaches Packet

FLL Explore Festival at Harmony Science Academy - Georgetown



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FIRST® LEGO® League Explore Festival

4/18/2026, 8:00 AM , Harmony Science Academy - Georgetown

Date: April 18th , 2026

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: 301 Blue Ridge Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626

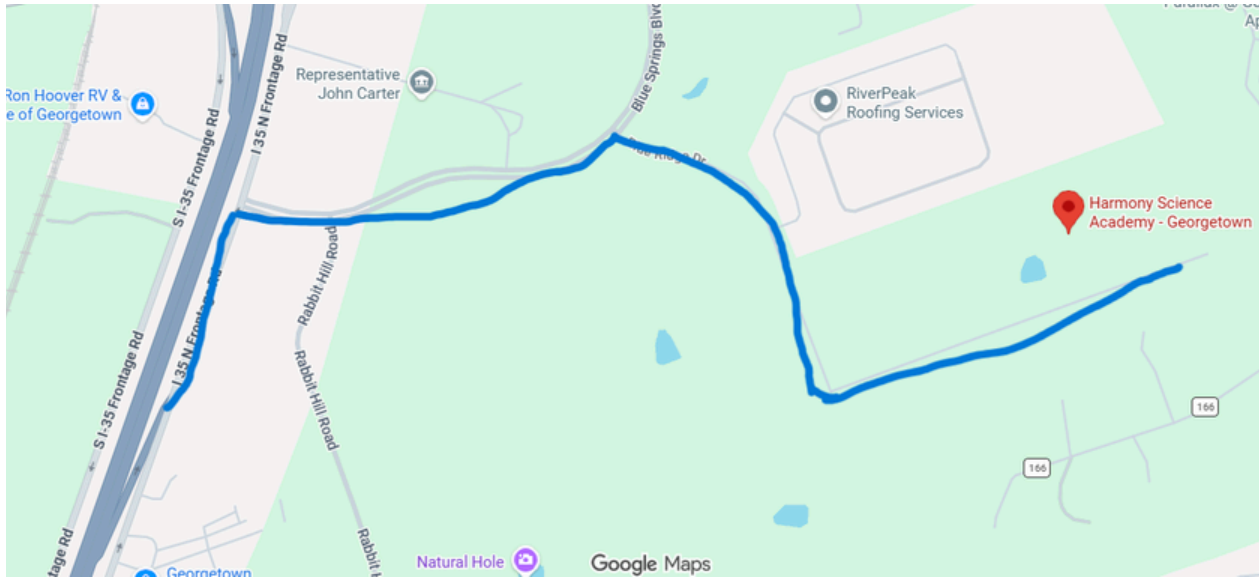
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Event Schedule

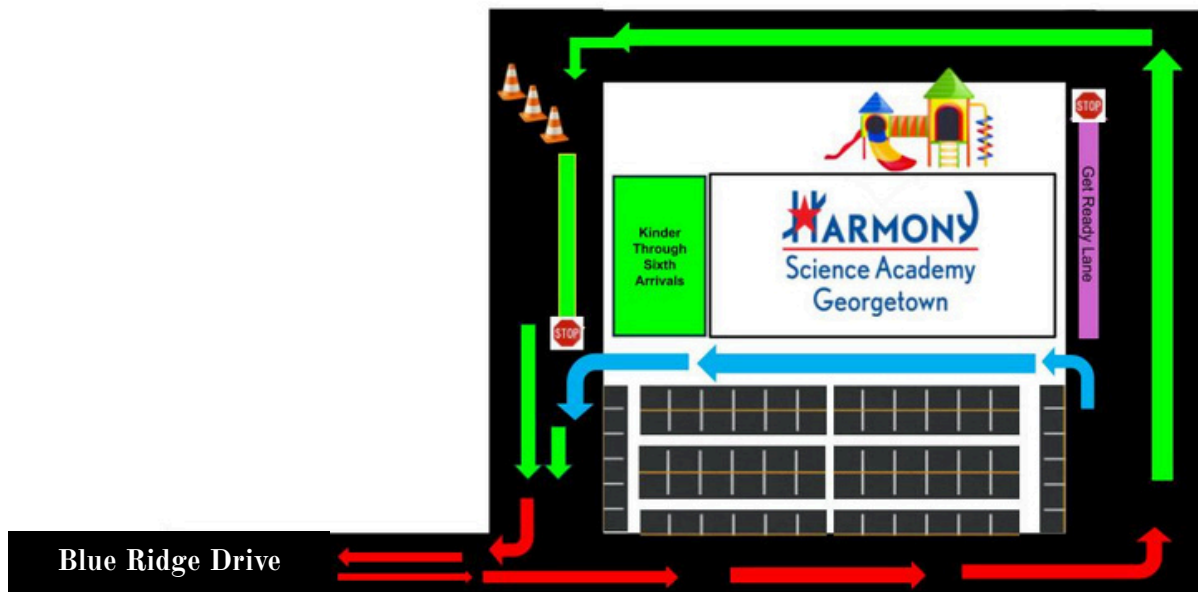
Time	Activity
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Team Check In & Pits Open
9:00 AM	Coaches Meeting
9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony & Parade
10:00 AM	Team Model & Poster Viewing Begins
10:00 AM	Reviewing Begins
10:00 AM	Team Activities Begin
11:00 AM	LUNCH
12:00 PM	Reviewing & Team Activities End
12:30 PM	Closing Ceremony



Address: 301 Blue Ridge Drive, Georgetown, Texas, 78626



External Map



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Food

Teams may bring their own snacks & meals to eat during the allotted lunch period, lunch will be consumed in the courtyard area of the venue.

Dress

Dress for all teams and spectators is casual. In fact, we encourage your team to adopt a fun and unique team identity, which allows others to understand something about your team, your engineering experience, or your project. We are also encouraging teams and spectators to dress in accordance to this year's season theme: Archaeology. Most importantly, dress comfortably and remember to **HAVE FUN!**

Team Size

The maximum number of children allowed on a team is 6. All youth team members must be between the ages of 6 and 10.

Team Check-in

Team check-in will run from 8AM to 8:30 AM. Coaches must make sure both FIRST in Texas Rosters and FIRST Inspires rosters are up to date on the website. We will not be collecting physical rosters at this event.

All adult coaches who wish to be present with their team during the event must be included in both rosters and must have a recent YPP as well as a Consent & Release form.

Your team will receive the following at Team Check-in:

- A physical copy of this coaches packet
- A schedule of events

Team Pits

The Pit is where your team will spend most of their time. This is where you will display your poster and model for public viewing. This is also the area where you can enjoy downtime with your team, get to know other teams, and see their posters and models.

Your team will have access to:

- One cafeteria table and attached chairs

Teams must be responsible for their own:

- Extension cords
- Power strips



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We recommend that you bring the following items to the event:

- Your Team Poster
- Model
- and any additional LEGO elements you may need for model repair.
- Your computer or tablet and power cord.
- An extension cord and power strip.
- A bin or large bags (like trash bags) to store personal belongings, like coats, under your table.
- A team banner or other team sign – to hang from your pit table and carry for Opening & Closing Ceremonies

Examples Below:



Some Pit Area Rules to keep in mind:

- Coaches should **NEVER** work on the model.
- Teams and coaches should behave as **Gracious Professionals** when participating in team activities.

Coaches' Meeting

- The Coaches' Meeting will be held online through Teams, prior to the event coaches will receive a link for a meeting, early in the week of the competition. At least one coach should attend this meeting.
 - Day of the event, at 9:00AM in the pits we will be having a small coaches meeting.
- Make sure that another coach or mentor assists the team with setting up the Pit area during this time. At the Coaches' Meeting, the coach will have the opportunity to:
 - Meet the Festival Organizer
 - Meet the Head Reviewer or reviewing team
 - Understand the flow pattern through the festival
 - Ask reviewing-related questions
 - Ask any other Festival-related questions

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Opening Ceremony

At **9:30 AM** just prior to the start of the coaches meeting, join us for the Opening Ceremony! This is a fun celebration to officially kick off the name of event. The ceremony will begin with a **Parade of Teams** – bring your team banners or signs (if you have them) and your team spirit!

Spectators

The Festival is free and open to the public, starting at 9:15 AM.

Awards

Once reviewers have concluded their sessions with each team, reviewers will go into deliberation, **and allocate an award for each team**, based on the team & their presentation.

What is Gracious Professionalism®?

Gracious Professionalism is part of the ethos of *FIRST*. The idea and phrase are found throughout *FIRST*, but no one has been a stronger champion than *FIRST* National Advisor, Woodie Flowers.

Gracious Professionalism is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, “ emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. With Gracious Professionalism, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions. Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process.”

We expect all team members, volunteers, coaches, and families to behave as Gracious Professionals.

Event Day Checklist

	Team Rosters (see specifications on pg. 4)
	Model, attachments & extra parts
	Fresh batteries/spare batteries/rechargeable battery charger
	Team Poster
	Computer/tablet and battery (if available) and power cord
	Extension cord and power strip if power is provided
	Provisions for lunch (check with Festival Organizer for options)
	Bin to hold personal and team items (coats, games, etc.) to fit under Pit table
	Team Banner or poster to carry for ceremonies or for Pit space (optional)
	Team Giveaways (optional)