

FLL Team Resources and Links

Looking For	Links
Team registration	www.firstinspires.org Help: https://help.firstinspires.org/s/contactsupport
Resources	Team Meeting Guide, Engineering Notebook, Robot Game Rule Book & Updates, Mission Model Building Instructions, Field Setup Guide, and more: https://www.firstlegoleague.org/season#resources Official FIRST YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/FLLGlobal
Iowa FIRST LEGO League	Coach Resources: Team Blast (newsletters), Coach Calls, Coach Facebook Page, Qualifiers and Expo Information: https://go.iastate.edu/EJITOW Contact: firstlegoleague@iastate.edu
Illinois FIRST LEGO League	Qualifier Info and Coaches Email List: https://www.firstillinoisrobotics.org/fll-challenge/ Contact: FLL-Challenge@firstillinoisrobotics.org
Team Resource	ev3lessons.com
Volunteer Questions	Connect with the Iowa or Illinois PD or email volunteer@firstinspires.org
Presenter's Contact Information	We are Gracious Professionals! Don't be afraid to contact a veteran team, coach, or mentor with questions. # 167 coaches@iowacityrobotics.org # 5041 MCain@west-branch.k12.ia.us # 6093 franzenburgjason@pleasval.org # 7169 franzenburgjason@pleasval.org

Special thanks to our 2026 QC FLL Kickoff sponsors, host, opening speakers, presenters, exhibitors, volunteers & planning team!

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Event Volunteers: Thank you to all of our volunteers who support Quad City youth and help make events like this possible year after year!

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**12th Annual
Quad Cities FIRST LEGO League Kickoff
Saturday, September 19, 2026**



During the **BIOGLOW™** season (part of the 2026–2027 *FIRST CANOPY* theme), teams focus on **biodiversity**, investigating how the balance between nature and humans keeps our world healthy and using LEGO technology to design an innovative solution for their **Innovation Project**. Explore how ecosystems thrive, protect natural habitats, and solve real-world problems affecting biological diversity.

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
8:00-8:20	Team & Volunteer Check-in	Main Entrance
8:30-9:30	Opening with Speakers, Team Introductions, and FLL Insights	Theatre
9:35-10:05	Breakout Session 1	See Below
10:10-10:55	Coach/Mentor Tips & Q&A with Iowa FLL	Theater
	Professional Displays & Exhibits	Grand Lobby
	FLL Challenge: Robot Game Setup and Q&A with Iowa FLL	Exhibits
	<i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge (FTC): # 6093 Deviation from the Norm - PV # 7169 Everything That's Radical - PV # 8672 UBett - Bettendorf # 25,656 Pioneer Robotics - Davenport	
	<i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition (FRC): # 167 Children of the Corn - Iowa City # 648 QC Elite Flaming Squirrels - Moline # 5041 CyBears - West Branch # 9082 No Limit Robotics - PV	
	FLL Explore Display	
11:00-11:30	Breakout Session 2	See Below
11:35-12:05	Breakout Session 3	See Below
12:05	Event Concludes	

A recommended strategy is to have your team divide up so you can attend more breakout sessions and speak with more professionals.

Breakout Sessions Locations

All topics are held during the 3 session times.

Topic	SPIKE Prime Programming	Core Values	Innovation Project	Robot Design & Game Strategy
Location	Theatre	Immerse East	Immerse West	Activity Room

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Quad Cities *FIRST* LEGO League Kickoff!**

Breakout Sessions

SPIKE Prime Programming: Level up your code with Pleasant Valley FTC 7196, *Everything That's Radical!* Learn how to bring your robot to life, program smooth movement, and unlock powerful coding tricks for the SPIKE Prime.

Core Values: Want to stand out to the judges and turn heads on the field? Join Iowa City FRC 167 *Children of the Corn* as they break down Core Values and reveal exactly what judges and referees look for at Qualifiers and Expos!

Innovation Project: Ace your presentation and impress the judges! West Branch FRC 5041 *CyBears* are sharing insider tips and expert guidance to help your team rock your Innovation Project interview with confidence.

Robot Design and Game Strategy: Build smarter, drive faster, and score big! Get the ultimate crash course on Robot Design interviews, strategy, locomotion, and navigation from Pleasant Valley FTC 6093 *Deviation from the Norm*.

Inspiring Opening Speakers: Kick off the day with Alex Christiansen (*FIRST* Alum) and Iowa FLL Program Leadership! Get pumped for the season, discover expert tips, and learn how to make the most of your FLL experience!

Qualifier/Expo and Championship Dates

Iowa

Challenge Qualifiers: Sat./Sun., Dec. 5&6 QC at Putnam Museum; Sat., Dec. 12 DeWitt; Sun., Dec. 13 Cedar Rapids
Explore Expos: Sat., Feb. 6 Ames; Sat., Feb. 27 Coralville
Sat., Feb. 6, 2027 – IA Challenge State Championship, Ames

Illinois

Sat., Dec. 12 – IL QC at John Deere Headquarters, Moline
Jan.: Sectionals
Sat., Feb. 13, 2027 – IL FLL Champs, Elgin Community College