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- Spokane Qualifier will be held 12/6 & 12/7
- Wapato Qualifier will be held 12/6 & 12/7
- Do local teams host off-season events/scrimmages?
 - FIRST WA does not host any, local FRC teams and some former FLL or FTC teams do host some – information on these events is often put in the FIRST WA FLL Facebook page (search for scrimmage in the group)
 - Redmond 10/26
 - Sammamish Skyline 11/16
- Are there practice fields provided at qualifier events?
 - Opportunity in the morning to practice on the actual competition tables, ***DO THIS***
 - Venues will ask teams if there are people willing to bring their tables/mats/models for all teams to use in the pit area of a venue
 - If you don't choose to provide a practice field for everyone to use, we will ask you to put your own away due to space and equity concerns
- Can our qualifier date be changed if we have a conflict? Can we give preferences?
 - Jacques will send out a form that you can fill out to change date AND location
 - Jacques will send out a form that you can fill out to change just date (keep location)
 - This is ***not*** a guarantee
 - Jacques does a great job accommodating teams when there have been reasonable requests to switch
 - Use the comment section of the form to explain extenuating circumstances
 - Attempts to keep teams from the same school together
- Can FLL Teams get Microsoft Suite at a nonprofit discount?
 - The team would need to be its own nonprofit organization, cannot use FIRSTWA nonprofit number

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- What do teams usually use to communicate, a calendar or collaborative tools? Place for teams to share files, chat, etc\?
 - Parents- WhatsApp
 - Kids- shared Google or other document,
 - Microsoft Teams is used by FIRSTWA
- Where is the best place to get clarification on the project?
 - "Identify and research a problem faced by archaeologists"
- FLL Explore teams want to host their own sign fair, can they buy similar medals to the ones FIRSTWA uses?
 - Currently there is no way for the public to buy the medals, can buy other medals/trophies/celebratory things
- Advice/Tips for code management, particularly in Word Blocks
 - Spike output file is all or nothing, save files with date/time, override when you are done with it, storing things in github repository
 - Create a copy of the whole folder, name it by date, especially when we have a stable working project, close to competition date

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- Pointers for teams who are just getting started, what robot designs are recommended/ideal?
 - [FLL Washington Facebook page](#)
 - [FLL Share and Learn Facebook page](#)
 - Look at YouTube links
 - Find a base robot design and run with it, add/focus on attachments
 - Use the introduction/advance base directions in the Spike Prime App, add attachments to this base, attachment ideas and instructions are in the Spike Prime App
- YMCA Skagit location participation information
 - Jacqueg@firstwa.org
- When will we know what Qualifier we are assigned to?
 - Still waiting to confirm 2 venues, confirmed locations on [FLL Blog](#)
 - Hopeful assignments will come **end of week of 10/20**