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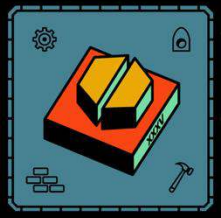

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2025 / 2026 SEASON

Welcome FLL Challenge & FLL Explore Teams!

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Agenda-

- Volunteers Needed
- Roster Info
- Semifinal info
- State info
- What's after state?
- Important links
- Questions?

FLL Volunteer Opportunities

We need volunteers for FLL Semifinals!
Please share this information with your teams...we'd love to have them join us at an event!

Volunteer Needs:

- **Judges** (minimum 18 y.o.)
- **Referees**
- **Scorekeepers**
- **Field Resetters**
- **Queuers**

FLL Challenge Volunteering Opportunities

Sign up through your *FIRST* Inspires Dashboard

OR

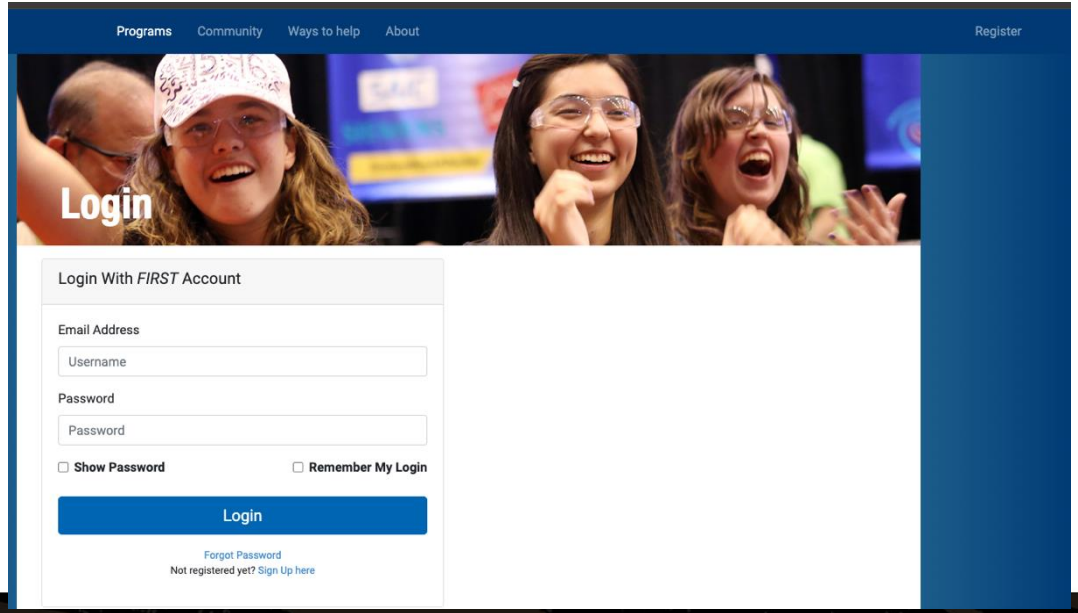
https://www.firstinspires.org/team-event-search

OR

Email nataliej@firstwa.org

Printing your Roster- both Challenge and Explore

You access your roster from your FIRST Inspires Dashboard. You go to log in here-



Printing your Roster cont'd

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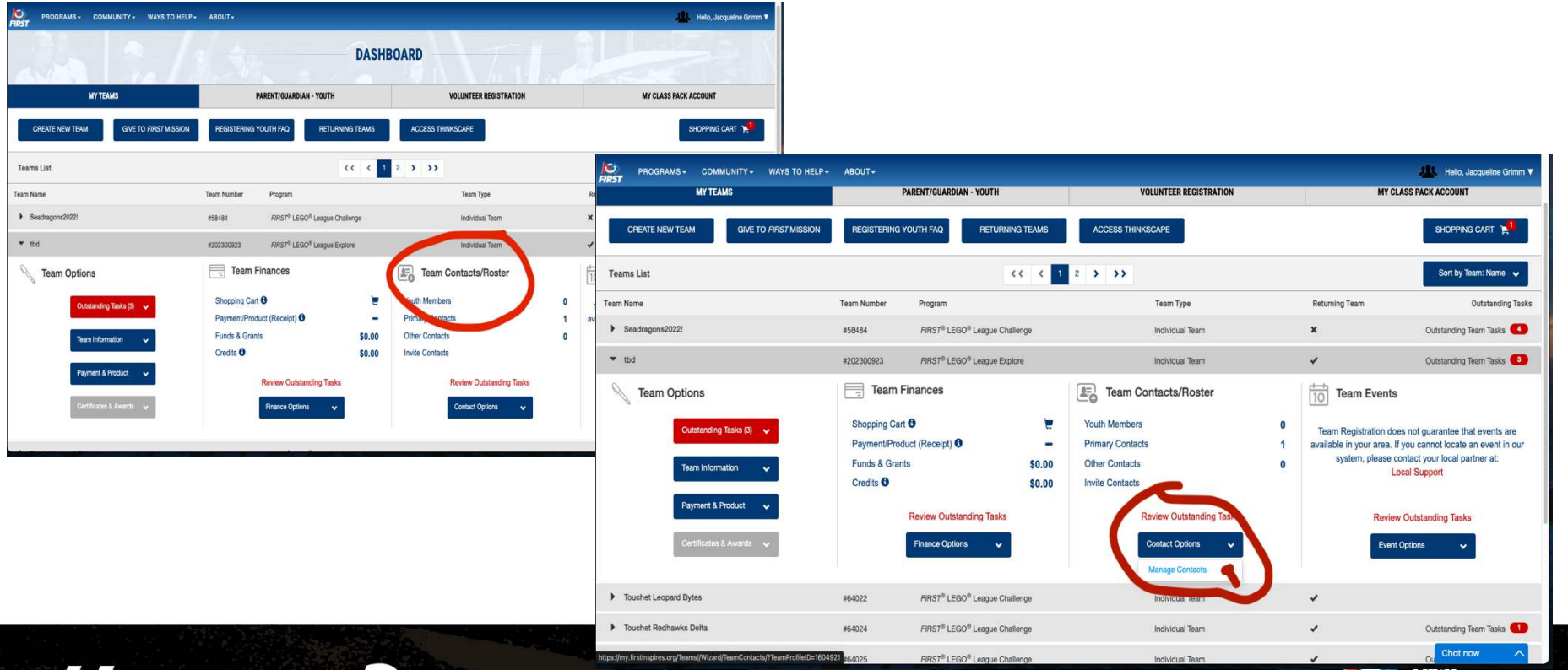

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Printing your Roster cont'd

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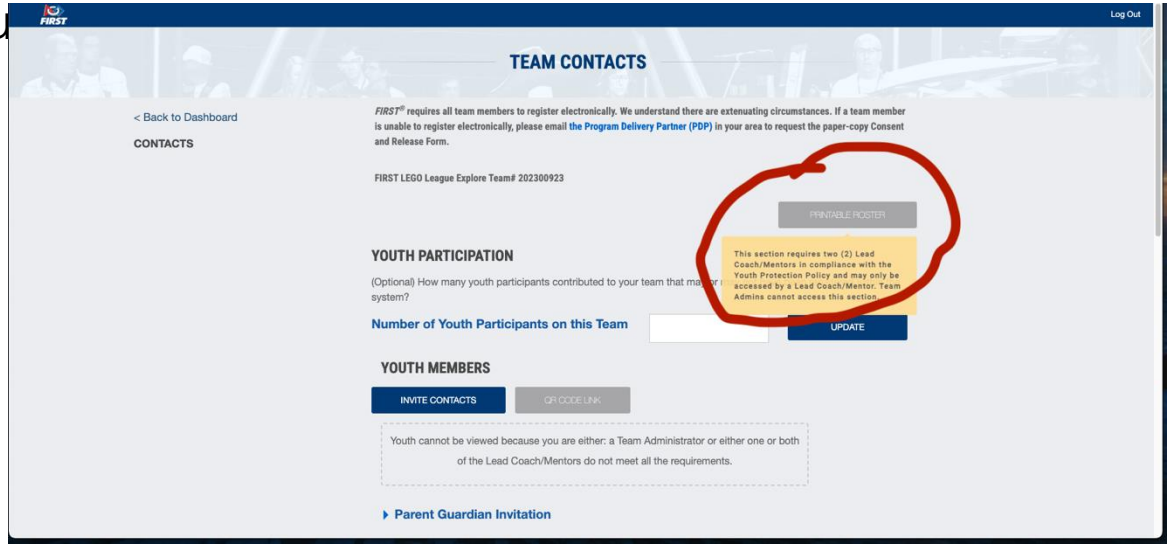

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Roster Cont'd

If your students are not listed on your roster with a green check mark, then they are missing something. Students are required by *FIRST* to be registered electronically.

To make this easier, *FIRST* has created Express Enrollment! Instructions for Express Enrollment here

You must bring the printed roster to every event your team!

Semifinal Info-

- Run the same as a Qualifier
- Expect a higher level of competition
  - Tougher judging
  - Higher robot scores
- Teams held to a higher standard

6 teams advance from each Semifinal to the State Championship 2/1/26

State Info- Western WA

- Short turn around between the second Semifinal weekend and State.
- Teams attending will need to email a spreadsheet of all attendees in excel for attendance at Amazon. A sample you can use will be posted in the blog next week.
- There are no concessions available at the Amazon event, and you are in Seattle on a Sunday. – have a plan for lunch for your team, ideally ordered and picked up by a willing parent.
- DO NOT bring mats and mission models to the event, you will be sent back to your car to put them away!

State info cont’d

Free parking is available for cars after 7am.

There is no bus parking available

No teams will be allowed in the building until 8am. If you are early, be prepared to wait outside.

When the doors open, preregistered adults should go check in your team at the Amazon desk, students should wait outside until the team has been checked in with Amazon and received their badges.

Badges must be worn AT ALL TIMES in the building.

Once your team has been checked in and badges have been distributed, head upstairs with your team roster and check in like you would at any other event.

What's after State?

The 2 Champions award winning teams (one from East and one from West) will each get a spot to World Festival in Houston.

The Champions award finalist teams (one from East and one from West) will get first choice out of the FLL Open Invitational Events.

Once the finalists have chosen, the remaining open spots will open for signups to the award winning teams from the 2 state championships.

Teams will be selected at random for each event, so make sure you only sign up for events you can actually attend.

If there are remaining spots, the sign up will open to teams that attended the state events.

What's after State cont'd-

FLL Open Invitational Events-

This year I have-

- Canada (1 spot) June 17-20, 2026
- Greece (1 spot) May 8-10, 2026
- Korea (1 spot) July 3-5, 2026
- California (2 spots) May 29-June 1, 2026
- Georgia (1 spot) June 5-7, 2026
- Massachusetts (2 spots) June 12-14, 2026

Important Links-

Youth Registration- Both Challenge and Explore

- https://www.firstinspires.org/programs/youth-registration

FIRST LEGO League Season Materials-

- https://www.firstinspires.org/resources/library/fll/season-materials

FLL Blog-

- https://firstwa.org/fll-blog/

Questions?