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Children Apply Research and Robotics to Explore the Future of Learning with

FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL®) “Animal AlliesSM” Challenge

Teams discover what can be done to improve how we learn

in the 2016-17 FIRST LEGO League season

FLINT, MI – Creativity and science will come together at the FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL®) LEGO Fever II Tournament at Carman-Ainsworth Middle School, 1409 W. Maple Ave on Saturday, November 5th, where 21 teams of 9 to 11 year-old children and Coaches will demonstrate their problem-solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork, competitive play, sportsmanship, and sense of community.

This year's ["FLL Animal AlliesSM" Challenge](#) calls for teams to research and present their own creative solutions to one of today's most relevant topics: People and Animals Interactions. More than 267,000 children in approximately 80 countries will teach us about the ways that People and animals interact. E.g. how people help animals and how animals help people Teams will develop their own innovative ways to help others understand the significant ways we can help each other and solve a problem(s) within today's world as part of the FLL season Challenge.

With missions that include: pushing a lever to open a door to learning, moving an idea outside of the box, loading a model with knowledge and skill loops, and more. Teams will have to program their LEGO MINDSTORMS[®] robots to solve a set of missions on an obstacle course set on a thematic playing surface.

ABOUT FIRST[®]

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The LEGO Group is engaged in the development of children's creativity through playing and learning. Based on the world-famous LEGO® brick, the company today provides toys, experiences and teaching materials for children in more than 130 countries.

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