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Dear STEM Enthusiasts.

Would you like to inspire and be inspired by youth participating in a program designed to get them excited about science, technology, engineering, and math? *FIRST* programs are teams of students who design, build and program robots to complete tasks on a themed playing field and develop innovative solutions to real-world problems or engineering portfolios. This prepares them for tournaments at which teams demonstrate their robots and present their solutions or portfolios to panels of judges.

That is where you come in! FIRST Robotics Canada is seeking volunteers in many roles to make these events a reality for all our amazing, hard-working students. There is a small amount of preparation involved and no technical background or experience with our programs is required to volunteer at our events.

## Event dates near you:

- FIRST LEGO League December 2, 2023 at St. Clair College
- FIRST Tech Challenge December 16, 2023 at St. Clair College
- FIRST Robotics Competition March 28-30, 2024 at University of Windsor

If you would like to help make an event like this possible by volunteering, please see below for the time commitment and instructions about how to apply.

- 1. Review the role descriptions and complete list of available events at the following links:
  - FIRST LEGO League Challenge (for students in Grades 4 8)
  - FIRST Tech Challenge (for students in Grades 7 12)
  - FIRST Robotics Competition (for students Grade 9-12)
- 2. Create a new (or log in to your existing) user account at www.firstinspires.org, select "Volunteer Registration" from your dashboard and apply for the role that interested you or choose "Assign me as needed" at the event of your choice. Please click <a href="here">here</a> for an instructional video to help guide you through the process with the example of choosing the judge role.
- 3. Complete the Youth Protection (YPP) screening process, which will be initiated once you have applied for an event. Your "clearance" remains valid for 48 months so judges who were screened previously need only accept the updated terms and conditions for YPP. Please click here for a brief instructional video about the screening process.
- 4. Once you have completed the YPP screening process, the Volunteer Coordinator will assign you to your preferred role and you can complete the Data Protection & Privacy certification and any other required training (accessible through your Dashboard), which must be completed before your event.



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5. As the tournament date approaches, watch your inbox for additional information from the Volunteer Coordinator about what to expect and how to prepare for the event; then show up at the specified time and prepare to inspire and be inspired.

Please forward this opportunity to anyone else who you think may be interested in promoting science, technology, engineering and math to young people and hope to see you at an event!

If you have any questions, please email our Volunteer & Alumni Manager: Jaeleen at jaeleen.koscielski@firstroboticscanada.org.