

TEAM MEETING GUIDE







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Introduction to FIRST® LEGO® League Explore

In *FIRST*[®] LEGO[®] League Explore, teams focus on the fundamentals of engineering as they explore real-world problems, learn to design and code, and create unique solutions made with LEGO bricks and powered by LEGO Education WeDo 2.0 and SPIKE[™] Essential.

FIRST LEGO League Explore is one of three divisions by age group of the *FIRST* LEGO League program. This program inspires young people to experiment and grow their confidence, critical thinking, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning. *FIRST* LEGO League was created through an alliance between *FIRST*[®] and LEGO[®] Education.



Welcome to CARGO CONNECT[™]

Welcome to the $FIRST^{\otimes}$ FORWARDSM season. This year's FIRST LEGO League Explore Challenge is called CARGO CONNECTSM. Children will learn about how cargo is transported, sorted, and delivered to its destinations. As more demands are placed on transportation systems, children need to rethink how cargo is transported from place to place. We have the power to build a path forward and invent the future of transportation. And it starts here, with you.

During each session, they will experience the engineering design process. There is no set order for this process, and they may go through each part several times in a single session. This means that during a session, children will be exploring the theme and ideas, creating solutions, testing them, iterating and changing them, and then sharing what they've learned with others.

Working in Teams

Children work together in teams of six using pieces from the LEGO[®] Education WeDo 2.0 or SPIKE[™] Essential set, and a CARGO CONNECT Explore set. They will collaborate and communicate to build, learn, and play together.

Children should be encouraged in every session to work with their teammates, listen to each other, take turns, and share ideas and pieces.



Team Roles

Here are sample team roles to use during the sessions. Everyone on the team could experience each role multiple times throughout their *FIRST*[®] LEGO[®] League Explore experience. Using roles helps the team function more efficiently and ensures that everyone on the team is engaged. Some roles will be filled by multiple children during a session. For example, the builder and coder roles can be duplicated where the experience is designed for a pair of children.



Playful Learning in Action

FIRST® Core Values

The FIRST[®] Core Values are the Values, children use discovery and the children have fun. The more exploration of the theme in each cornerstones of the program. playful the sessions are, the more They are among the fundamental session and learn that helping motivated the children will be. elements of FIRST LEGO® one another is the foundation League. By embracing the Core of teamwork. It is important that € E Innovation **Feamwork** We used creativity We found we were and persistence to stronger when we solve problems. Inclusion worked together. We respected each other and embraced our differences. $\subset \neq \supset$ Impact Fun We applied what we We enjoyed and learned to improve Discovery celebrated what our world. we did! We explored new skills and ideas.

What Does the Team Need?



CARGO CONNECT[™] Explore Set



Each team will get one CARGO CONNECTSM Explore Set. Leave the LEGO[®] elements in their plastic bags until the sessions in which they are needed. Two printed books contain the building instructions for the Explore model.

	Truck	Sorting Center	Motor and Hub Build	Prototyping Pieces
Bag	1	2	3	4
Book	1	2	2	-



Tips

- The prototyping pieces are used throughout the sessions to build solutions to the design challenges.
- There are baseplates provided. These can be used for each individual student to create his or her own build ideas or can be combined to create their team model.

General Management Tips

FACILITATOR TIPS

- Determine your timeline. How often will you meet and for how long? How many meetings will you have before your festival?
- Set team guidelines, procedures.and behaviors for your meetings.
- Get into the mindset that the team should be doing most of the work and learning. You are there to facilitate their journey and remove any major obstacles.
- · Lead your team through the Introduction and Share activities provided in each session.
- Use the guiding questions in the sessions to provide

focus and direction on what the team will do.

 Jobs are listed in some sessions that connect to the Career Connections pages in the back of the Engineering Notebook. Additional enrichment activities are also provided on these pages.

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

- Place any extra or found LEGO® pieces in a cup.
- Have the children who are missing pieces come to the cup to look for them.
- · Wait to dismiss your team until you look over their LEGO set.

- The lid of the LEGO set can be used as a tray to keep pieces from rolling away.
- Use plastic bags or containers to store any unfinished builds and their associated pieces or assembled models.
- Designate a storage space for the built models, Explore set, and LEGO container.
- The role of the Material Manager is to help in the process of clearing away and storing materials.





ENGINEERING **NOTEBOOK TIPS**

- Read the *Engineering* Notebook carefully. Each team member should have one.
 - · It contains all the information the team needs, and it guides them through the sessions.
- The tips in this Team Meeting Guide will direct you how to support each session.
- As facilitator, help quide the team members in the performance of their roles during each session.
- The sessions contain individual and team tasks to help the team perform their roles independently.

Pre-Session Checkpoint

Please read the student *Engineering Notebook* and this *Team Meeting Guide* before starting the sessions. They are full of very useful information to guide you through the program.

Use this checkpoint to help you get started and guide you toward success.

- Make sure you have a Bluetoothenabled device with the WeDo 2.0 or SPIKE™ Essential app installed.
- Unpack the WeDo 2.0 or SPIKE™ Essential set (if not already done) and sort the LEGO[®] elements into the tray.
- Make sure the hub is fully charged or has batteries in it.
- Familiarize yourself with the contents of the Explore set.

Explore the *FIRST*[®] Core Values. These are the essential foundation for your team.

Watch the *FIRST* LEGO League Explore Season video and other videos on the *FIRST* LEGO League You Tube channel.

- The team could complete the Introduction and some Getting Started activities in the app so that they gain experience in building and coding before starting the sessions.
- Discuss transportation-related vocabulary with the team. Words could include product, package, cargo, efficiency, access, safety, and connections.

Helpful Resources			
LEGO [®] Education Support	education.lego.com/en-us/support Phone: (800) 422-5346		
Main Website	firstlegoleague.org		
General Support Questions	fllexplore@firstinspires.org		
Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Training	firstinspires.org/about/diversityinclusion		
LEGO Education Teacher Community	community.lego.education.com		
CARGO CONNECT sM Resources	firstlegoleague.org/season		
Educator Resources	info.firstinspires.org/curriculum Find additional digital resources here!		
Hybrid Learning	education.lego.com/en-us/managing-todays-classroom#covid-19-resources firstinspires.org/covid-19		

Session Layout

Every session starts with an introduction and ends with a share activity. Details for these activities are given in the session pages that follow, along with notes and tips to help you run the session.



Session 1

- The team will build the truck and create new truck designs.
- The team will use discovery to explore the CARGO CONNECTSM theme and how cargo is transported to different destinations.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Let's Discover

- Read the definition for **discovery** to the team. (see page 5)
- Talk about what discovery is. Have the team provide examples of this Core Value.
- Extension: Have everyone draw a picture of an example of **discovery** on the Core Values page in their Engineering Notebook.



Let's Explore

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Explain how cargo is transported to and from their community.
- Describe their truck designs.
- Demonstrate how their solutions work on the mat.



• The team will build and code the LEGO[®] robot and then change the program.

Session **2**

• The team will create two forms of transportation.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Go Team

- Read the definition for **teamwork** to the team. (see page 5)
- Talk about what teamwork is. Have the team provide examples of this Core Value.
- Extension: Have everyone draw a picture of an example of **teamwork** on the Core Values page in their Engineering Notebook.

Guiding Questions

- Can you build a LEGO robot and code a solution?
- How do you change the program so the LEGO robot moves in a different way?

Session Tips

- 1 Walk the team through how to access their appropriate lesson in the app.
- 2 The team will use either the LEGO Education WeDo 2.0 set or the LEGO Education SPIKE Essential set and their associated apps.
- 3 You will find the estimated timing in the lesson for each page's tasks. This is to assist with children's selfregulation.
- 4 If the team is short on time, have them do only the coding lesson and build the robot.



Let's Transport

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Show the coding skills they learned.
- Explain how they changed the program.

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- Describe their transportation designs.
- Demonstrate how their solutions work on the mat.



Guiding Questions

- Could you design two forms of transportation?
- Where does the cargo fit on your vehicle?

Session Tips

- 5 The team will need the assembled truck.
- 6 Give the team the LEGO prototyping pieces (Bag 4) to create their designs.
- 7 You will find that many of Max's reflection statements connect to jobs listed on the Career Connections pages in the *Engineering Notebook*. This provides reallife examples of transportation jobs.

Cleanup Pointers

- The truck should stay assembled, but everything else should be taken apart.
- Check that the pieces from the LEGO[®] robot are returned to the LEGO set.

Session **3**

- The team will build and code theLEGO® robot and then change theprogram.
- The team will build the sorting centerand explore how cargo is sorted.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Let's Have Fun

- · Read the definition for fun to the team. (see page 5)
- Talk about what fun is. Have the team provide examples of this Core Value.
- Extension: Have everyone draw a picture of an example of fun on the Core Values page in their Engineering Notebook.

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FIRST® LEGO® League Explore Unit Lesson 2

Session 3 Tasks (20 minutes) Your team needs: Open the WeDo 2.0 or SPIKE[™] Essential app. Find your lesson. Can you code the robot to play a different sound or flash a light? Explain your solution. Change the existing program based on your ideas. Test it out! Challenge Can you make the robot flash a different color Use or move? teamwork Change the robot and play your program. to solve this challenge! 3 SOLUTION Draw your solution! Engineering Notebook | Sessions 12

Guiding Questions

- · Can you build a LEGO robot and code a solution?
- How do you change the program so the LEGO robot plays a light or sound?

Session Tips

- 1 The team will learn about and use light and sound blocks.
- Challenges are provided for 2 the team to go further with their robot.
- 3 The Solution space can be used to write down the codina steps planned or which coding blocks the team will change.



Let's Sort

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Show the coding skills they learned.
- Explain how they changed the program.
- Describe how cargo is loaded and unloaded.
- Demonstrate how the sorting center works.



- Session 4
- The team will build and code the LEGO[®] robot and then change the program.
- The team will create a robot that can transport cargo.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Let's Innovate

- Read the definition for **innovation** to the team. (see page 5)
- Talk about what innovation is. Have the team provide examples of this Core Value.
- Extension: Have everyone draw a picture of an example of innovation on the Core Values page in their Engineering Notebook.



Let's Drive

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Show the coding skills they learned.
- Explain how they changed the program.
- Describe how cargo is transported.
- Demonstrate how their robot transports cargo on the mat.



- Session 5
- The team will determine what products are transported in the cargo containers.
- The team will build and code the motor and hub build and then change the program to sort blue cargo.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Be Inclusive

- Read the definition for **inclusion** to the team. (see page 5)
- Talk about what inclusion is. Have the team provide examples of this Core Value.
- Extension: Have everyone draw a picture of an example of **inclusion** on the Core Values page in their Engineering Notebook.

Guiding Questions

- What products are inside each package?
- How do packages get transported in and out of your community?

Session Tips

- 1 Ask the team what the difference is between products, packages, and cargo. Packages can contain one product (like bananas) or different products. Cargo is made up of many packages.
- 2 Have the team research products that are created or transported throughout their community.



Let's Motorize



Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Explain what products are in the cargo containers.
- Show how they motorized the sorting center.
- Demonstrate how they changed the code to sort the blue cargo.

Let's Motorize Tasks (20 minutes) Your team needs: Follow the building instructions in Book 2 to make the motor and hub build. Connect the motor and hub build to the sorting center. Open the WeDo 2.0 or SPIKE™ Essential app. Re-create the program provided in Book 2. Trv it out! How is blue cargo sorted into the blue bin on 5 the sorting center? Brainstorm your ideas. Talk as a team about how a warehouse worker Say what you would change in the program in ensures cargo is sorted the space below. correctly. Play your program to sort the blue cargo. IDEAS Draw your ideas!

Guiding Questions

- Can you motorize the sorting center?
- How do you change the program so that the blue cargo is sorted?

Session Tips

- 3 The team will need Book 2 and Bag 3 located in the Explore set.
- 4 The team will determine how to change motor direction.
- 5 It would be beneficial to cover how different motor directions turn the sorting mechanism to the right or left.

Cleanup Pointers

- The motorized sorting center should stay assembled, but everything else should be taken apart.
- Check that any unused pieces from the LEGO[®] set are returned to it.

- Session 6
- The team will design ways to safely transport cargo over water.
- The team will add a safety feature to the sorting center.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Have an Impact

- Read the definition for **impact** to the team. (see page 5)
- Talk about what **impact** is. Have the team provide examples of this Core Value.
- Extension: Have everyone draw a picture of an example of **impact** on the Core Values page in their *Engineering Notebook*.

Guiding Questions

- Could you build ways to transport cargo across water?
- How do you create safer ways to transport cargo?

Session Tips

- 1 Give the team the LEGO[®] prototyping pieces (Bag 4) to create their designs.
- 2 Provide specific examples of safety features found in your community. This could include cargo unloading zones and railroad crossing guards.



Let's Be Safe



Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Show how they safely transported cargo across water.
- Point out safety features present on the mat and sorting center.
- Explain how they coded a safety light.





- The team will design ways to improve access and efficiency.
- The team will improve the efficiency of the sorting process.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Discovery Build

- Have the team provide examples of how they have used **discovery** throughout the sessions.
- Have the team create a build from the prototyping pieces representing this Core Value or examples of the team using **discovery**.

Guiding Questions

- How can you sort the cargo more efficiently?
- How can you create better access to the different destinations?

Session Tips

1 Give the team the LEGO[®] prototyping pieces (Bag 4) to create their designs.

2 Ask the team to identify places that would be hard to access in their community.





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Let's Improve

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Show the destinations they created for cargo deliveries.
- Demonstrate how they improved access to destinations.
- Explain how they improved sorting efficiency.



Sessions 8&9

- The team will draw their team model design and label its required parts.
- The team will create their team model that shows the journey of cargo to their destinations.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Teamwork and Fun Builds

- Have the team provide examples of how they have used **teamwork** (Session 8) and **fun** (Session 9) throughout the sessions.
- Have the team create a build from the prototyping pieces representing this Core Value or examples of the team using **teamwork** and **fun**.

Guiding Questions

- What do you think is the most important part of your team model?
- How will your team model show the transportation journey of cargo?

Session Tips

- 1 The team will need their assembled Explore model and mat.
- 2 Each team member could build a part of the team model using a baseplate.
- 3 The team model can use extra LEGO[®] bricks, minifigures, baseplates, and other LEGO elements. You may NOT use glue, paint, or art supplies.



Build Team Model



Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did in the session.
- Explain the program and how it motorizes the sorting center.
- Review the list of required parts and identify them on the team model.
- Demonstrate how the team model works.



Guiding Questions

- What are the strengths and the weaknesses of your design?
- How can you motorize part of your team model?

Session Tips

4 The team model should be able to fit on a table and be easily transportable.

5 The team will apply coding concepts throughout the sessions to create their programs.

6 The team could reuse the code from Session 5, or they could motorize and code a brandnew part in their model.

Cleanup Pointers

- The team model will remain assembled from this point forward until the event.
- Check that any unused pieces from the LEGO® set are returned to it.

Sessions **10 & 11**

- The team will create a plan for what they will include on their team poster.
- The team will design and create their team poster.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Innovation and Inclusion Builds

- Have the team provide examples of how they have used **innovation** (Session 10) and **inclusion** (Session 11) throughout the sessions.
- Have the team create a build from the prototyping pieces representing this Core Value or examples of the team using **innovation** and **inclusion**.

Guiding Questions

- What different challenges did you explore?
- · What did you create and build?



Session Tips

- 1 You will need to provide a large poster board and various art supplies. A trifold poster board works well.
- 2 The goal is for the team to create the board themselves. You can support them and provide insight.
- 3 The team can look back at the Team Journey and Core Values pages in their *Engineering Notebooks*.



Make Team Poster

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Share what they did at the end of each session.
- Show their team poster design.
- Explain their team journey.
- Demonstrate how they will present their team poster.





- The team will reflect on their CARGO CONNECTSM experience.
- The team will create a plan for what to share at their final event.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Impact Build

- Have the team provide examples of how they have had an **impact** throughout the sessions.
- Have the team create a build from the prototyping pieces representing this Core Value or examples of how the team has had an **impact**.



Prepare for Event

Share (10 minutes)

Have the team:

- Practice their team poster presentation.
- Practice their team model presentation.



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Guiding Questions

- How will you present your poster and model at the event?
- How do we show Core Values?

Session Tips

- Every question on this page doesn't need to be answered.
 They are just to help your team feel ready for the event.
- 5 Provide extra scrap paper for the team to write out what they plan to share at their event.

Cleanup Pointers

- Make sure the team model and team poster are stored and ready to be transported to the event.
- Check that you have the device, charging cord, and fully charged battery for the event.



Prepare for Festival!

The main goal of an event is for the team to have FUN and to feel that their work is valued.

Remind students that the event is also a learning experience and the goal is to have fun!

Encourage them to engage with other teams and students to share what they have learned and to support each other.

Determine what type of event you're attending and who the organizer of your event is. Find out the requirements and details for the event you are attending.

If you purchased a class pack, the event will be your responsibility. Check out the *Class Pack Festival Guide* for more details!

Have the team prepare a checklist of materials needed for the event.

Review the time and location where you are meeting for the event and how long they are expected to stay – share this with parents. Encourage parents to attend if this is possible.



Events Complete and All Done?

Here are some tips for wrapping up after the last event your team will participate in:

- Clean up and take apart the team model. Make sure the WeDo 2.0/SPIKE™ Essentials elements go back to their set.
- Inventory the WeDo2.0/SPIKE™ Essentials set to make sure all the pieces are there.
- Decide what to do with Explore set elements.
- Allow time for the team to reflect on their experience.
- · Hold a team celebration!

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