



***FIRST*® CHAMPIONSHIP: PREPARE TO BE INSPIRED**

Prepare to be inspired as you watch tens of thousands of students compete on the world stage at the *FIRST*® Championship presented by Qualcomm® Incorporated. With all the heart-pounding thrills and team spirit of a professional sporting event, *FIRST* uses robotics as the backbone for the “only sport where every kid can go pro.”

Guided by mentors and STEM professionals, and supported by *FIRST* Sponsors, *FIRST* teams inspire kids in grades K-12 to explore the innovation process and build STEM and digital-literacy skills. Watch the exciting competitions and visit teams in the “pits.” We guarantee you will leave impressed.

SAVE THE DATES

JOIN US AT THE *FIRST* CHAMPIONSHIP

For nearly 30 years, *FIRST* has engaged millions of people in a global movement to build problem solvers who transform our world. Each year, the *FIRST* community celebrates young innovators through high-quality, inspiring, life-changing experiences, the culmination of which is the *FIRST* Championship. In 2018, our dual Championship will be celebrated in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center and Minute Maid Park and in Detroit at the Cobo Center and Ford Field. Be prepared to witness something extraordinary – and we don't mean the robots.

2018: Houston, TX: April 18-21 and Detroit, MI: April 25-28 Location advancement map (2018)

2019: Houston, TX: April 17-20 and Detroit, MI: April 24-27

2020: Houston, TX: April 15-18 and Detroit, MI: April 29-May 2

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES - HOUSTON & DETROIT

Like the Host Committee for an Olympic Games, the *FIRST* Championship Local Organizing Committees are comprised of Host City leaders and luminaries who help inspire those on the front lines of businesses and civic/thought leadership in their community. Their goal is to support *FIRST* in the delivery of a successful global-scale, life-changing event with local flavor.

2018 SCHEDULE

Plan your *FIRST* Championship experience. Use filters to browse the schedule.

Download the app and add specific items to your personal schedule.

Time are subject to change.

<i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Pits Open	Wed, April 18, 2018 - 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 1
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<i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Pits Open	Wed, April 18, 2018 - 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 3
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<i>FIRST</i> Innovation Faire	Wed, April 18, 2018 - 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 3
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<i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Game Action	Wed, April 18, 2018 - 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 1
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<i>FIRST</i> Championship Conferences Presented by Walt Disney Imagineering, Abbott Fund, BP and ARM, Inc.	Wed, April 18, 2018 - 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 3
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<i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition Pits Open	Wed, April 18, 2018 - 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 1
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<i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Pits Open and Game Action	Thu, April 19, 2018 - 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 3
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<i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition Pits Open and Game Action	Thu, April 19, 2018 - 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 1
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<i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Pits	Thu, April 19, 2018 -	Houston: George R. Brown Convention
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Open and Game
Action 7:00 AM to
6:00 PM

<i>FIRST</i> Championship Conferences Presented by Walt Disney Imagineering, Abbott Fund, BP and ARM, Inc.	Thu, April 19, 2018 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	Houston: George R. Brown Convention Center Level 3
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Stops

- ☐ Nonstop (5) \$167
- ☐ 1 Stop (56) \$197
- ☐ 2+ Stops (2) \$459

Airlines included

- ☐ American Airlines (32) \$222
- ☐ United (19) \$191
- ☐ Alaska Airlines (11) \$406
- ☐ Delta (9) \$197
- ☐ Spirit Airlines (3) \$167

Departure time - San Diego

- ☐ Morning (5:00am - 11:59am)
- ☐ Afternoon (12:00pm - 5:59pm)
- ☐ Evening (6:00pm - 11:59pm)

Arrival time - Houston

- ☐ Early Morning (12:00am - 4:59am)
- ☐ Morning (5:00am - 11:59am)
- ☐ Afternoon (12:00pm - 5:59pm)
- ☐ Evening (6:00pm - 11:59pm)

Arrival airports

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7:00am - 12:10pm

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3h 10m (Nonstop)

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Satisfactory Flight (6.9 out of 10)



12:05pm - 5:12pm

United

3h 7m

SAN - IAH

Nonstop

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Very Good Flight (8.1 out of 10)

4:35pm - 12:17am ⁺¹

Delta

**i Basic Economy**

5h 42m

SAN - IAH

1 stop

50m in SLC

\$197
roundtrip**Select**[Flight details and baggage fees](#)

Fair Flight (5.8 out of 10)



6:25am - 5:12pm

Delta

**i Basic Economy**

8h 47m

SAN - IAH

1 stop

2h 6m in MSP

\$197
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Availability shown is based on an arrival of 4/18 and a departure of 4/21.

If you are ready to register and create your Championship housing please [click here](https://registration.experientevent.com/ShowROB183/wizard/team).
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Arrival: 4/18/2018

Departure: 4/20/2018

Rooms: 1

Guests/Room: 1

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Courtyard by Marriott Downtown



Rates Start At \$154.00 

Distance

0.7 miles from George R. Brown Conv Ctr

Hotel Features



Doubletree by Hilton Hobby Airport



Rates Start At \$159.00 

Distance

10.3 miles from George R. Brown Conv Ctr

Hotel Features

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