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# Kids Compete to Build the Best LEGO Robot on Saturday

## *Sixteen teams from throughout the region to compete in FIRST LEGO Competition at Sam Brannan Middle School*

**November 18, 2011 (Sacramento):** Middle school students who love math and science – among them, perhaps, the next generation’s Bill Gates or Steve Jobs – will compete on Saturday (November 19) in a fierce competition to build the best robot out of LEGOS.

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is a robotics program for 9- to 14-year-olds which is designed to get children excited about science and technology -- and teach them valuable employment and life skills. FLL can be used in a classroom setting but is not solely designed for this purpose. Teams, composed of up to 10 children, prepare a robot to play a themed game.

The competition at Sam Brannan Middle School on Saturday is a FIRST Robotics qualifier. Opening ceremonies will be at 9 a.m. and an awards presentation will be from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Forty community volunteers, many of whom are engineers from local companies, are helping put this tournament on.

SCUSD middle schools participating in FIRST LEGO League this year are: Sam Brannan, School of Engineering and Sciences, Rosa Parks Middle School, Martin Luther King K-8, and Will C. Wood Middle School. John F. Kennedy High School’s robotics team is providing mentors.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a non-profit organization dedicating to inspiring young leaders in science and technology.

**WHAT:** FIRST LEGO League Competition  
**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 19  
**WHERE:** Sam Brannan Middle School, 5301 Elmer St., Sacramento  
**WHO:** 16 teams of enthusiastic middle schoolers, engineers and mentors

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