

## News Release from Dripping Springs ISD



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## DRIPPING SPRINGS TO HOST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs ISD will host the *FIRST*® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO® League (FLL) Qualifying Tournament on **Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** The FLL event, which will involve approximately 25 middle school teams from the Central Texas region including Dripping Springs Middle School, will take place at Dripping Springs High School (940 Highway 290 West).

The Challenge consists of a head-to-head robotics competition, where the students design, build and program a Lego robot to perform specific tasks. It also includes a real-world problem-solving project and presentation based upon the theme of “Nature's Fury.” In addition, the team is judged on its use of the FLL Core Values during the competition.

The First Lego League competition is designed to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education (STEM) in middle school. The competition is free and open to the public.

This is the third year that Dripping Springs Middle School has fielded a robotics team and the FLL team is one of two groups of students (the other competed in the BEST competition in November). The DSMS teams are sponsored by teacher Dana Norman.

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