

Nebo Elementary School Department of Fine Arts

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Technology / Robotics
EXCELLENCE

Greetings!

The Nebo Elementary Department of Fine Arts Technology Program will sponsor several First Lego League teams for the 2010-2011 school year.

The First Lego League is a team competition that features a research project and a robotics tournament where students create a robot that completes specific tasks built around a theme. The "FIRST" organization was founded by Dean Kamen (the inventor of automated wheelchairs and the Segway device) to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. This year's theme is "Body Forward." The date of the 1st round of competition is either Saturday December 4th, or Saturday December 11th. The regional and State competitions are in January, and the National Championship is in April. Nebo FLL Teams have advanced to the State Championship Tournaments in 2009 and 2010. The 2010 Nebo FLL teams scored in the top 10 teams in Georgia. We look forward to continuing Nebo's fine tradition of excellence in Robotics.

The rules of First Lego League stipulate that a team may be made up of no more than 10 students. These students must be committed to working towards the success of the team. This year we will charge a fee of \$60 per student. The \$60 fee will cover the following costs per team: (Based on a 7 student team)

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| Team Registration with FLL | (~\$260 per team) |
| 1st Tournament Fee: | (\$50 per team) |
| T-Shirt for Student | (\$15 per student) |
| Food for Party | (\$50 per team) |

We will sign up students on Tuesday, August 10th at a registration meeting from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. In addition, Mr. Michaud will take FLL Registration forms during the final weeks of the 2009-2010 school year. My goal is to have no more than 7 students per FLL team and have three teams. We will create as many FLL teams as we have students sign up. Nebo FLL is open to 4th through 8th Grade Students attending Paulding County Public Schools. Regular practices will start on Monday, August 16th.

The Nebo FLL teams will practice according to the following Schedule:

- FLL Team A (number TBD): Mondays: 4:30 to 6:00 PM (Middle School or Elementary Team)
- FLL Team B (number TBD): Tuesdays: 3:00 to 4:30 PM (Elementary Team)
- FLL Team C (number TBD): Tuesdays: 5:00 to 6:30 PM (Middle School Team) (If needed)

Attendance will be required at all practices to remain on the Nebo FLL teams. Any unexcused absence will result in removal from the team. Students will be allowed 2 excused absences (parent notes). If a student has more than 2 excused absences, they will be removed from the team. These policies exist to provide a fair basis due to limited team numbers and the short duration of the FLL season.

Please sign and return the attached form and payment to Mr. Michaud at the registration meeting on August 10th. Payment must be made in check or money order made out to "Nebo Elementary School." Please put "FLL 2010" and student name in the memo area of the check. We will not be able to accept cash.

Thank you very much for your Support of Nebo Fine Arts. Please email Mr. Michaud at cmichaud@paulding.k12.ga.us if you have any questions.