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**FIRST Robotics Teams “Power Up” this Weekend
at the Bayou Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in Kenner
March 22-24, 2018 at The Pontchartrain Center**



This weekend, 57 High School Robotics Teams from the US and Mexico will come to Kenner to compete for a spot in the World Championship in Houston.

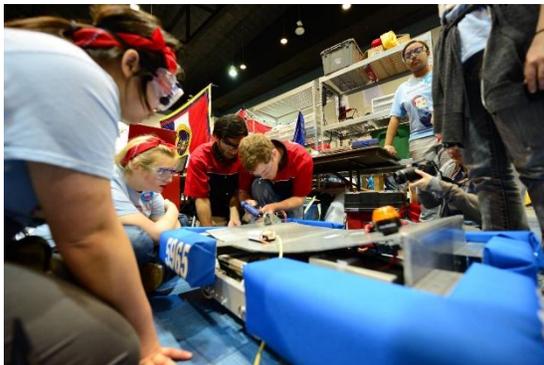
New Orleans metro area teams include:

- Fountainbleu
- Mandeville High
- Academy of Our Lady
- Ben Franklin
- Warren Easton
- Nola Bots Community & Home School
- Lusher

- New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy
- Destrehan High
- Hammond High
- St. Paul’s
- Ursuline
- Northshore/Salmen combined team
- Slidell High

Full list of Louisiana & Mississippi Teams can be found in the press packet

The Bayou Regional may be the home field for FIRST Robotics Competition teams competing in Louisiana and Mississippi, but in the spirit of Gracious Professionalism, teams from around the world are welcomed to compete as friends and equals. These high-school level robotics teams, with the guidance of adult mentors, have 6 weeks to design, build, and program their competitive robot to perform a series of tasks as sport, using offense, defense, quick thinking, and scouting techniques. To build a successful robot, teams must use code and programming, CAD, mechanical and electrical engineering, automation, and robotics. Upon completion, these teams bring their robot to the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, Louisiana, where they compete with other LA and MS teams as well as with visiting teams from around the world, for a spot at the super bowl of smarts, the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship.



“FIRST is not just about the robot. Teams learn project management, leadership skills, public speaking skills, deductive reasoning, business planning, fundraising, marketing, safety management, community service and the importance of working as a team. They leave this program with greater self-confidence, an awareness of their community and the environment surrounding it, and with 21st century soft skills that can transfer into any college or career path they choose.”

-Carolyn Arthurs, FIRST Regional Director-LA & MS

Please see attached public agenda and game summary. You can see an animation of the game as well as live streaming during matches on our website www.FRCBayouRegional.org

For more information on our event, please visit our event website at www.FRCBayouRegional.org.
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