The Clock is Ticking…
There is still time to register your FLL or Jr.FLL team, but don’t wait too long. FIRST will only register teams up to their maximum capacity. So start a team, or two, and join in the fun!

What’s Your Name Again?
Since we get our contact information directly from the team registration data, it is important that your information is entered correctly, especially your email address. Though, if you’ve received this Blast, your email is correct (good job!). If your second coach did not receive this blast, have them log into TIMS here to update their email address.

It is also important to keep your team information up to date. Did you change your team name recently? Make sure to log in and update your team’s information. Did you have a coaching change? You need to invite the new coach to ensure that each team has two screened coaches and that all coaches get the email communications.

Keep Up With The Times!
Make sure you are checking the Challenge Updates often. Any changes or clarifications of the rules for the Robot Game or Project will be posted in the updates here.

Real Kids Solving Real Problems
The Global Innovation Award encourages teams to further develop their innovative solutions to real-world problems. This year, in order for a team to apply for the award they must be nominated by their region. To select our region’s nominee, the Project judges at each Regional Qualifier event will select one team to showcase their research at the State Championship. At the Championship, a panel of Reviewers will select our nominee from amongst these teams.

For more information on the Global Innovation Award, you can click here.

FIRST Teams Give Back
FTC Team 5466, the Combustible Lemons, is collecting NXT’s, NXT parts, field set up kits, and used Windows laptops to start FLL-like teams across our nation and around the globe. If you would like to learn more about the project, check out their webpage or view this video.

Get Your Project On!
The Coaches’ Handbook has some great tips for your Project presentation. Check out Chapter 6 to learn more about the Project. Information on tournament presentation begins on page 47.

Robot Game Clarification
We have gotten several questions on M04 – Sorting. Scott’s video caused some confusion. The wheel must be spun by the robot, not by hand; just as all missions must be completed by the robot, not by hand. Read through the rules very carefully. The rules mean exactly what they say and should be taken literally.

Regional Registration is Opening!
Registration for Regional Qualifier events will open at 5pm on Thursday, October 15th. Registration is on a first come – first serve basis. Some events fill very quickly. We cannot guarantee teams will attend specific events. In order to register your team follow the following steps:
2. Find the event* that you would like to attend
3. Click on the city name for the event you are interested in (links are in purple text)
4. Fill out the required information on the form that pops up – attached you will find a list of what information you will need
5. Click “submit”

*Please note that for the events in Cedar Rapids and Marion there will be morning and afternoon sessions. Select one session you would like to attend as each are independent events.

**Iowa FLL State Championship Announcement**

For the 2015 Trash Trek season, the Iowa State Championship is moving to a two-day event with 60 teams participating each day. The Championship will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2016 and Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Iowa State University in Ames.

The Championship event a team advances to will be determined by the Regional Qualifier they attend. The registration page for Regional Qualifiers will indicate which Championship event day your team would attend.

**Way to be a Team Player!**

Thank you to all teams who have attended a Kick-Off event or the Meet the Experts Expo at ISU. It’s great to see all the teams engaging in FLL fun!

For questions about Iowa FLL or Jr.FLL, please email us fl@iastate.edu. You can also check out our website at www.isek.iastate.edu/fll.

From the whole team here at ISU FLL – we hope you are enjoying your Trash Trek!