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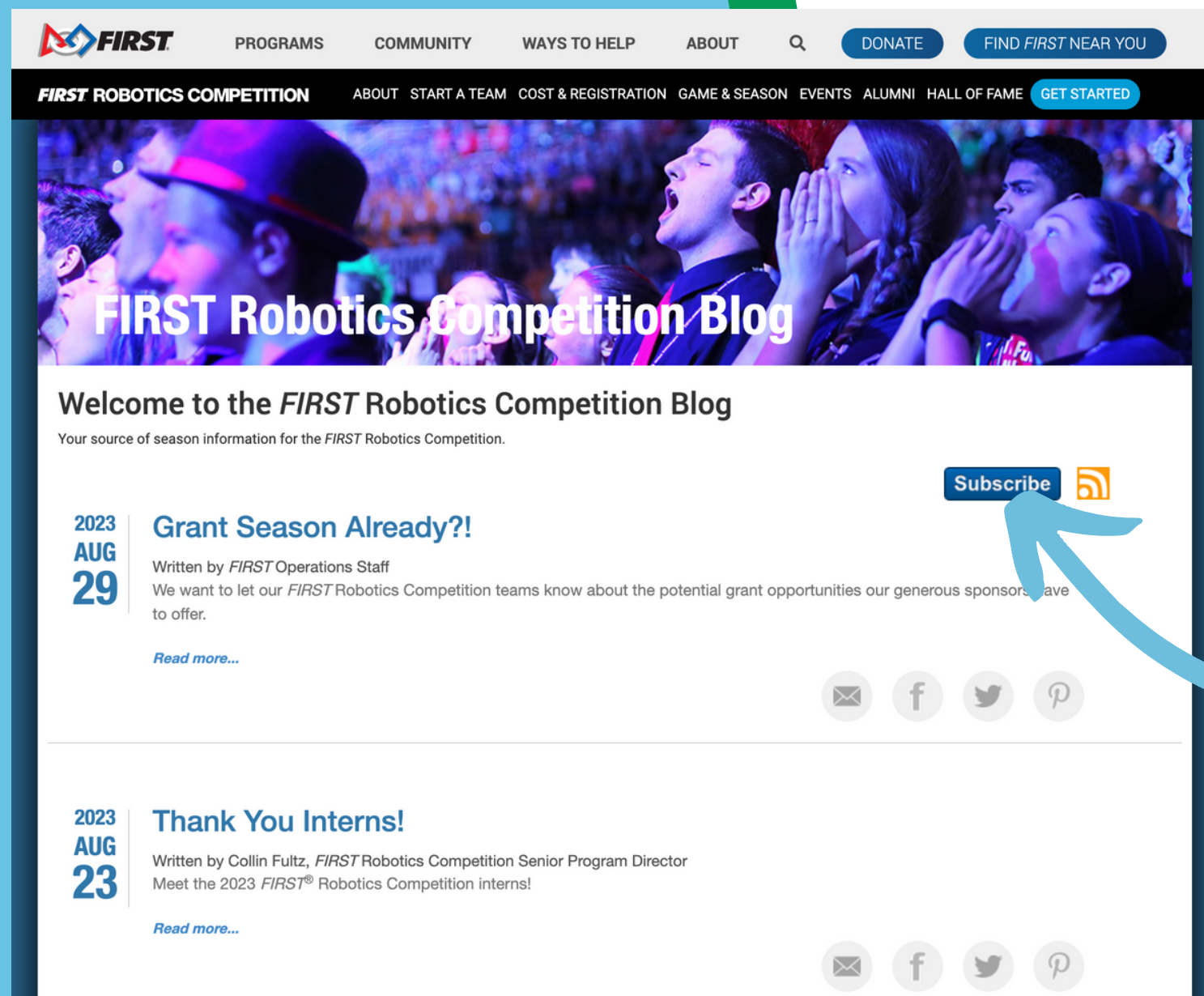
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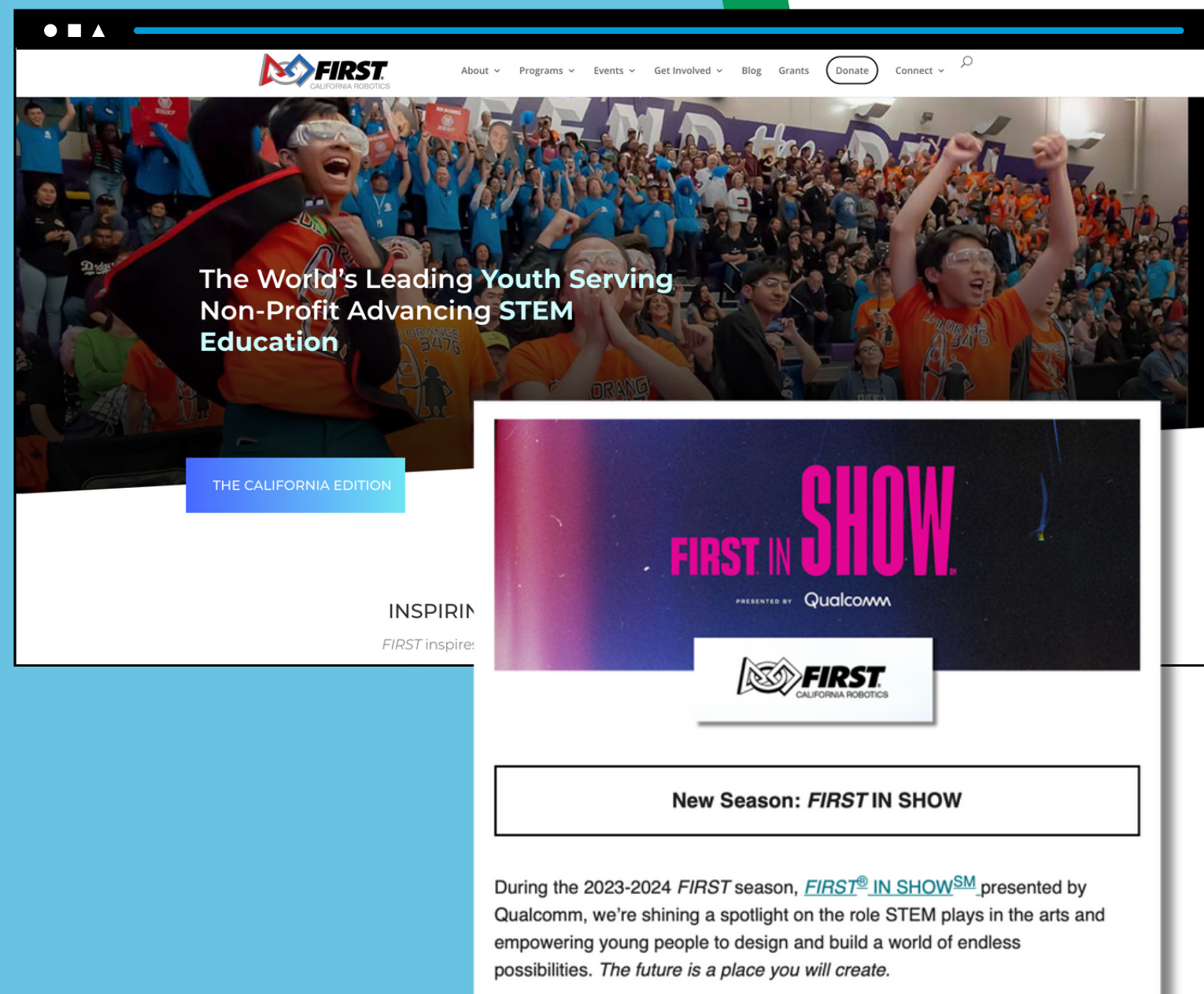


COMMUNICATION



- All Crucial Communication only goes to **Lead/Coach Mentors**
- FRC Blogs
 - Important info shared through the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Blog
 - **Subscribe at**
<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc/blog/>

FIRST CALIFORNIA



- **WEBSITE:** cafirst.org
- **NEWSLETTER:**
 - submit your *FIRST* stories
 - encourage all, parents, students, sponsors to sign up for the *FIRST* CA newsletter
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:**
 - Instagram: [@firstroboticscalifornia](https://www.instagram.com/@firstroboticscalifornia)
 - Facebook: [FIRST California](https://www.facebook.com/FIRSTCalifornia)
 - Hashtag: #FIRSTinCA
- **CALENDAR**
 - off-season events

GRANTS & REGRANTING

APPLY FOR GRANTS!

- Do not pay registration if your team is waiting for grants/donations to come into *FIRST*
- *FIRST* will not will not refund money paid if restricted grants come in after payment
- Unrestricted funds in your team's *FIRST* account can be used to pay registrations or regranted to your team

RESOURCE LINKS:

- *FIRST* Team Grant Opportunities
- Regranting info: Regranting, Process, Procedures, and W-9



Please keep FIRST finance informed of any payment delays or challenges.

KEY DATES

DEADLINES & DUE DATES

Event Registration - *Preferencing*

- 1st Event Registration – Round 1 Preference
 - Opens 9/21, 9:00 am PT
 - Closes 9/28, 9:00 am PT
- 2nd Event Registration – Round 2 Preference
 - Opens 10/5, 9:00 am PT
 - Closes 10/12, 9:00 am PT
- Unrestricted Event Registration
 - Opens 10/26

Event Registration - *Payment Due Dates*

- Initial - 11/13
- Additional - 1/31

Kit & Kick Off Registration

- Opens 9/21
- Closes 11/13

Drive Base & Black Tote Opt Out

- Open Now
- Closes 10/19

FIRST Choice

- Round 1
 - Opens 11/16
 - Closes 11/30
- Round 2
 - Opens 1/6
 - Closes 1/16

FRC Kickoff

Saturday, 1/6/2024

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

CALIFORNIA FRC

WEEK	SOCAL	NORCAL
1	HUENEME PORT REGIONAL	SILICON VALLEY REGIONAL
2	VENTURA REGIONAL	SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL
3	LOS ANGELES REGIONAL	SACRAMENTO REGIONAL
4	SAN DIEGO REGIONAL	CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL
5	ORANGE COUNTY	MONTEREY REGIONAL
6	AEROSPACE VALLEY REGIONAL	EAST BAY REGIONAL (NEW!)

REGIONAL UPDATES

CALIFORNIA FRC

PORT HUENEME REGIONAL

Thurs, 2/29 – Sun, 3/3
Port of Hueneme, Port Hueneme

- Improved Roof - survived Hurricane Hillary
- Added and Improved Electrical to Pits
- Upgraded and Improved Restrooms
- Addition of Food Trucks
- Offsite Parking with Shuttle Bus

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL

Thurs, 3/7 – Sun, 3/10
Port of Hueneme, Port Hueneme

- Improved Roof - survived Hurricane Hillary
- Added and Improved Electrical to Pits
- Upgraded and Improved Restrooms
- Addition of Food Trucks
- Offsite Parking with Shuttle Bus

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL

Thurs, 3/14 – Sun, 3/17
Da Vinci High School, El Segundo

- All regional dates are tentative until they are posted on the *FIRST* website

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SAN DIEGO REGIONAL

Thurs, 3/21 – Sun, 3/24
UCSD LionTree Arena

- Waiting for NCAA sports schedules to be confirmed to secure date
- Could swap with Orange County Regional and be on week 5

ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL

Wed, 3/27 – Sat, 3/30
OC Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa

- Could swap with San Diego Regional and be week 4

AEROSPACE VALLEY REGIONAL

Wed, 4/3 – Sat, 4/6
Eastside High School, Lancaster

- All regional dates are tentative until they are posted on the *FIRST* website

VOLUNTEERS



- Regionals are successful due to volunteers
- We need approximately 100 volunteers per regional
- **Encourage the parents on your team to volunteer** (or family, friends co-workers...)
- Please share this **How To Volunteer** link - <https://cafirst.org/volunteer-with-first/>

PROGRESSION OF PROGRAMS



GRADES PRE K – 1



GRADES PRE 2 – 4



GRADES PRE 4 – 8

WAYS TO SUPPORT:

- Mentor
- Host Events
- Volunteer at Event

FIRST LEGO League

- Season kickoff of MASTERPIECE: *Aug 1, 2023*
- SoCal season dates: *Qualifying - Nov 4, 5, 11, & 12, Regionals - Dec 2 & 3, Championships - Jan 13 or 14*
- SoCal FLL- <https://cafirst.org/fll-ca-southern/>



GRADES 7-12

FIRST Tech Challenge

- Season kickoff of CENTERSTAGE: *Sept 9, 2023*
- See below links for dates
 - SoCal FTC - <https://socalftc.org/calendar/#page-content>,
 - San Diego FTC - <https://www.sdftc.org/2023-24season.html>





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Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process.

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TEAM GROWTH



- Help us start more FRC teams!
- *FIRST* SuperStarter designation
 - Details to come!

YOUTH PROTECTION

***FIRST* Youth Protection resources**

- [Youth Protection Program Guide](#)
- [Youth Protection Training Videos](#)

***FIRST* Code of Conduct**

- Exhibit Gracious Professionalism® at all times. Gracious Professionalism is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. With Gracious Professionalism, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions.
- Ensure the safety of all participants in *FIRST* activities.
- Not engage in any form of bullying, harassment, use of profane or insulting language, or any actual or threatened violence.
- Adhere to all *FIRST* Youth Protection Program (YPP) policies.
- Report any unsafe behavior to event or local *FIRST* leadership.
- Persons who do not comply with this Code of Conduct may be barred from participating in *FIRST* activities.

***FIRST* Team Safety meeting**

- Conduct a safety meeting at the beginning of the school year/season
- Meeting Key Items :
 - a. Safety Meeting Guidelines
 - b. [Safety Requirements](#)
 - c. [Boundaries](#)
 - d. Reporting Safety Concerns
 - e. Open Discussion

CONNECT/SHARE/SUPPORT

- **Regular Updates / Office Hours**
 - Monthly (may increase frequency during Season)
 - Poll for best day / time
- **Statewide CA Mentor Slack Workgroup**
 - looking into feasibility / setup
 - more info to come
- **Share your ideas!**

Q & A



THANK YOU

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