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High School Students Put Life-Sized Robots to the Test, Compete to Qualify for Global *FIRST*[®] Robotics Championship, March 22-24

1500+ Students Learn Problem-Solving and Teamwork in Addition to Designing and Building Robots

WHO:

- **1500+ high school students** from 36 local school districts, plus other California cities, Hawaii, and Azerbaijan
- **51 robots** and *FIRST* Robotics Competition teams
- Professional mentors and passionate fans
- The public is encouraged to attend, catch the excitement of this intense competition, tour the pits to visit with teams and robots, and cheer on their favorite teams. **Admission is free and open to the public.**

WHAT:

18th Annual San Diego *FIRST*[®] Robotics Competition presented by Qualcomm

The *FIRST* Robotics Competition is a program that challenges high school students – working with professional mentors – to design and build a robot to compete in matches that measure the effectiveness of each robot, the power of collaboration, and the determination of students.

Teams in the San Diego *FIRST* Robotics Competition will vie for regional awards and a spot at the *FIRST*[®] Championship to be held April 17-20 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. The competition is part of *FIRST*, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preparing young people for the future.

GAME:

CRESCENDO presented by Haas is part of the 2024 *FIRST*[®] IN SHOWSM presented by Qualcomm season. In CRESCENDO, *FIRST* Robotics Competition teams will use their STEM skills and creative power to turn up the volume as they design, build, and program their robots for action-packed game play.

WHEN:

- Friday, **March 22nd** - Practice Rounds (noon-6:30pm)
- Saturday, **March 23rd** - Opening Ceremonies, Qualification Matches, Awards (8:30am - 5:45pm)
- Sunday, **March 24th** - Opening Ceremonies, Qualification Matches, Alliance Selection, Awards (8:30am - 4:30pm)

Online Agenda: The detailed agenda for the 3 day event can be found [here](#).

WHERE: UCSD LionTree Arena (formerly RIMAC/Triton Arena), 9730 Hopkins Dr, La Jolla, CA 92093

PHOTO OPP:

- **Visual Spectacle:** Capture the intensity and passion as over 51 robots take the stage, speeding around and retrieving game pieces, scoring, and playing defense with other robots.
- **Community and Spirit:** Colorful team costumes, creative mascots, and fans that bring the energy of a major sporting event.
- **Emotional Highs:** Experience the raw emotions – the triumphs, the setbacks, and the sheer joy of competition as students and their mentors push the limits of what’s possible.
- **Behind-the-Scenes:** The pit area offers a sneak peek into the teams’ strategies, robot tweaks, and last-minute innovations.

EVENT WEBSITE: <https://cafirst.org/frc/sandiego>

About FIRST®

[FIRST](#)® is a robotics community that prepares young people for the future through a suite of inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18 (PreK-12) that can be facilitated in school or in structured after-school programs. Boosted by a global support system of volunteers, educators, and sponsors that include over 200 of the *Fortune* 500 companies, teams operate under a signature set of [FIRST Core Values](#) to conduct research, fundraise, design, build, and showcase their achievements during annual challenges. An international not-for-profit organization founded by accomplished inventor Dean Kamen in 1989, *FIRST* has a [proven impact](#) on STEM learning, interest, and skill-building well beyond high school. [Alumni](#) of *FIRST* programs gain access to exclusive scholarships, internships, and other opportunities that create connections and open pathways to a wide variety of careers. Learn more at firstinspires.org.

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