FIRST® Tech Challenge creates powerful relationships between the young people who compete and the volunteers and mentors who donate their time. Volunteers and mentors come from all walks of life and play an important role in shaping young minds and inspiring students to achieve. The volunteers get much more in return.

**What you can do as a volunteer**

- Mentor or coach a team
- Volunteer at an event
- Judge at an event
- Organize and coordinate teams
- Recruit new teams
- Act as a technical expert

**FIRST volunteers include**

- Community Leaders
- Employees of Corporate sponsors
- University Students and Faculty
- Parents and Teachers
- FIRST Alumni and Friends
- Friends and family members of students

**Mentors/coaches**

- Provide valuable one-on-one interaction that develops a full range of technical and interpersonal skills among team members
- Share their life-experience, skills, and abilities
- Foster a spirit of teamwork, hard-work, and innovation, value of others, and respect for the individual
- Instill in young people a sense of accomplishment
- Are respected and admired by team members
- Have just as much fun as the students!

**Mentors/coaches can be**

- Professionals (Technical or non-technical)
- Teachers
- Professors
- Parents
- College students
- FIRST® Robotics Competition team participants

“I could not begin to predict how working with these kids has made me feel. These kids are so engaging, learning so much, and having so much fun that you can’t help but to absorb some of that phenomenal energy. These are feelings and experiences you simply cannot get anywhere else. Thank you FIRST™!!!”

— JOSHUA WALFISH, FIRST® TECH CHALLENGE JUDGE, VICE PRESIDENT, CREDIT SUISSE

“All of this is noticed, BIG-TIME by the top universities. Indeed, the seniors on our FIRST® Tech Challenge team got admission into MIT, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, University of Pennsylvania, UC Berkeley, and Brown Universities, fulfilling their dreams to pursue career paths that almost insure they will be tomorrow’s generation with the most impact on improving the human condition through the engineering disciplines and leadership skills they gained at FIRST.”

— ADNAN DURRANI, FIRST TECH CHALLENGE COACH, WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
GET INVOLVED!

Join or start a team in your area

Sponsor a team, event, or local FIRST® program

Become a team mentor or coach

Volunteer to fill over 100 roles

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