



2017-2018 Opening Ceremony Script

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Speaker	Dialogue	Blocking Notes
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>Good morning <i>[Insert name of Locale]</i>. Welcome to the <i>[Insert name of Event]</i> My name is _____ and I'm the <i>[insert FIRST® Tech Challenge title here]</i>.</p>	Affiliate Partner or Event Director comes to stage.
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>I'm excited to have each and every one of you here today because we're going to have a blast! You've been working hard to design and build your robot and I can't wait to see how your robots and teamwork come together in this year's challenge.</p> <p>As many of you know, <i>FIRST</i> is more than a non-profit. <i>FIRST</i> is a global movement transforming young lives and inspiring future inventors, innovators, and problem solvers. <i>FIRST</i> engages young people, kindergarten through grade 12 in their 4 renowned STEM and robotics programs, <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Jr., <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition, and of course, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge.</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge began in 2005 and in just 12 years, has grown to nearly 5,000 teams. <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge is getting bigger and better every year, now in more than 24 countries. This continues the transformative impact of <i>FIRST</i> programs, and for this, we say THANK YOU! You are a part of this movement. All of you are helping make this program possible for the next generation of innovators IN THIS ROOM.</p> <p>This year's challenge has been developed in conjunction with an action adventure theme. Archaeologists are exploring an unknown, ancient civilization. While exploring, the scientists discover a map which shows that this prosperous civilization has left behind a wealth of information and ancient artifacts that would give insight into the life and prosperity of the mysterious civilization. However, the artifacts won't be easy to get to and the archaeologists must crack the code to unlock the ancient secrets. Since the voyage could be a dangerous one, the archaeologists must deploy robots to uncover and retrieve the ancient artifacts for them.</p> <p>This year exciting challenge involves Robots scoring Glyphs into their Alliance's Cryptoboxes and creating cipher patterns to crack the code. The game culminates with our Robots rescuing their relics and returning them to safety!</p>	



	<p>Today's competition would not be possible without our dedicated sponsors. We would like to thank our <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Season Presenting Sponsor Qualcomm and our Official Program Sponsor Rockwell Collins.</p> <p>Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math studies have never been so important and <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge is playing a huge role in getting kids involved in these disciplines. Parents and Mentors, your presence here to support your children and students is crucial in this process, thank you!</p> <p>And Teams, remember, <i>FIRST</i> doesn't end with high school! <i>FIRST</i> partners with nearly 200 colleges and universities who want <i>FIRST</i> participants and Alumni– and have made more than \$50 million dollars in scholarships available for you to study with them. <i>FIRST</i> also works with industry to ensure that internship and ultimately job opportunities are available for you as <i>FIRST</i> Alumni, and to make sure you have access to the most valuable resource of all – each other Learn more about scholarships, internships and alumni networking online at firstinspires.org/alumni</p> <p>Students, I want you to do something for me today. I want you to keep the idea of <i>Gracious Professionalism</i>[®] in the backs of your minds today. This means you're going to do your best work, and at the same time, you're going to respect and value the other students and Teams here. Today is where the rubber meets the road for all the hard work you've put into designing, building and programming your Robots. Good luck.</p> <p>.</p> <p>At this time, I'd like to introduce today's Master of Ceremonies – <i>[Insert name]</i>.</p>	<p>Optional: Show <i>FIRST: Be Great</i> (30 sec) Video</p> <p>Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable</p>
Emcee	<p>Good morning and welcome! Are you ready to make some noise? I said are you ready to make some noise?! That's better. This is going to be a great day of Competition, I've checked out your robots in the Pits, and they are impressive! Before we get to the first Match, we have a few distinguished guests I'd like to introduce. Please give a warm <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge welcome to <i>[insert Guest Speaker_title and name]</i>.</p>	<p>Emcee comes forward.</p> <p>Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable</p>



Guest Speaker	<i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i>	Guest Speaker comes forward.
Emcee	Next, it's my pleasure to introduce <i>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</i> .	Guest Speaker comes forward as previous speaker returns to seat.
Guest Speaker	<i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i>	
Emcee	Each year, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge creates a bigger and better game for teams. Let's take a look at this year's challenge, <i>FIRST RELIC RECOVERY!</i>	Play Kick-off video and Game Animation
Emcee	At this time, I'd like to introduce you to a very important group of people, our Judges.	Enter Judges
Emcee	These individuals have the difficult job of singling out the best of the best of today's many excellent Teams. They've already been busy this morning, interviewing Teams and reviewing Engineering Notebooks. They'll be in the Pit Area, watching Matches before deliberating later today. We look forward to seeing the outcome of their hard work at the Awards Ceremony this afternoon. Let's give them a big round of applause for their dedication!	Applause Exit Judges
Emcee	Next, I'd like to introduce you to the Field Technical Advisors, or FTAs.	Enter FTAs
Emcee	These Volunteers know the ins-and-outs of the technology we use to run this Competition and key to keeping the event moving smoothly. They are in charge of ensuring the Robots are running properly on the Field and communicating with the Field Control System. Thank you FTAs!	Applause Exit FTAs
Emcee	And finally, I'd like to introduce our Team of Referees.	Enter Referees
Emcee	Please keep in mind that they have a difficult job ensuring everyone is playing by the rules. As in all sports, their rulings are final and there will be no re-runs or video re-plays. We have a full schedule and need to complete all the Qualification Matches in the time allowed. Please help us stick to the schedule by respecting their decisions and following the appropriate challenge process. Thanks Referees, have a great Competition.	Applause Exit Referees
Emcee	Mentors and Coaches are critical to the learning experience and your Team's success. Many of you are also mentoring Teams from one of our other <i>FIRST</i> Progression of Programs: <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Jr., <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, and the <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition; or are even <i>FIRST</i> Alumni yourselves. On behalf of all <i>FIRST</i> programs, a	Applause

	big thank you to all the Mentors and Coaches here today for all your time and efforts. You really are making a difference!	
Emcee	<p>A few minutes ago [Insert Affiliate Partner or Tournament Director] spoke about <i>Gracious Professionalism</i>. And who better to help further explain this core value of <i>FIRST</i> than the Original Gracious Professional himself, <i>FIRST</i> National Advisor Dr. Woodie Flowers.</p> <p><u>(Please adjust the following schedule wording to apply to your event)</u></p>	Play GP Video
Emcee	Thanks, Woodie. Now here's the general schedule for the day: at the conclusion of Opening Ceremonies we'll begin our Qualification Matches. Following the Qualification round we'll move on to the Alliance selection, where the top ranked Teams will choose their Alliance partners for this afternoon's Elimination Tournament. And finally, after we have crowned a champion on the playing Field, we'll begin our Awards Ceremony to close out this exciting day.	
Emcee	Before we begin the Matches, please rise for the playing/singing of our National Anthem.	National Anthem
Emcee	<p>Teams, are you ready for FIRST RELIC RECOVERYSM? Let's get the adventure started! Teams in the first Match, please take the Field as we get ready to start the day with Match number one of the 2017 <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge season here in [insert name of locale].</p> <p>Good luck to all Teams!</p>	Play music to keep energy up while Teams set up on the Field and Team Introductions begin
Emcee	<p>[if using a Game Announcer, introduce him/her before beginning first introduction]</p> <p>Ladies and gentleman the other voice you'll be hearing today is our Game Announcer, please welcome [Insert Name].</p>	<p>Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable</p> <p>Applause</p>
Emcee	<p>Okay, let's meet the Teams...</p> <p>[Emcee and Game Announcer begin Team introduction and start of Match play protocol]</p>	