

FIRST® LEGO® League Jr. Suggested Team Activities

If you choose to have additional activities for your teams during the Expo, see below for some suggestions.

- **LEGO® Model Building Challenge** — Add a team-based build activity in which teams are challenged to build an original LEGO® model during the Expo. Be sure to include enough extra LEGO elements for each team in the Expo budget if you plan a build activity.
 - Choose a theme that will allow teams to pick something to build in approximately half an hour. Consider linking it to the season Challenge theme. For example, for the MISSION MOONSM season, you could challenge teams to build a lunar rover or rocket ship.
 - Another idea for a model-building challenge could be to ask teams to model something in their town or community. Teams might choose the post office, their school, or a local landmark. For even more fun, create a large map, and have teams place their models in the correct area of the map. Enlarged maps can be painted or drawn on butcher block paper or drawn with sidewalk chalk on a paved play area.
 - Teams can present their models during the Closing Ceremony when they come up to receive their awards. The completed models can make a nice visual backdrop for teams to enjoy as well as a great photo opportunity.
- **Arts and Crafts** — Collect Challenge-related coloring pages and make them available to teams. Provide a handful of pipe cleaners and a few beads to each team member, and ask teams to create a theme-related model. Give each team member a blank sheet of drawing paper. Ask each one to draw part of the Expo and/or create a team collage. If space allows, you can set up a central area for these activities or distribute materials directly to teams in their display areas.
- **Active Play Areas** — Children ages 6 to 10 are bundles of energy. If your space is conducive to providing a place for safe, active play, give your budding scientists and engineers a place to burn off some of that energy. Simple in-place activities can help as well. Ask your emcee or DJ to announce stretch breaks every so often. Have everyone at the Expo stop what they are doing and reach for the sky, dance in place, roll their eyeballs, crinkle their toes, wiggle as much as they can without moving their feet, etc.
- **Free Build** — Children just love to play with LEGO elements! Fill a kiddie pool with LEGO elements, and let everyone build away. You can give them a focus and have them all use the same size base plate, or just let them build whatever they like.