2012 First Lego League Regional Tournament

The fourth annual First Lego League Regional Tournament was held Saturday at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, VA.   This tournament is one of 20 regional tournaments throughout Virginia with over 600 participating teams.   Championship winners from each tournament will compete at James Madison University December 7-8 for the State title.

Twenty-nine teams competed in the SW VA Regional Tournament. Thirteen teams were Division I (ages 9-11) and 16 teams were Divisions II (ages 12-14).

All teams compete and are scored by Division in four categories: project presentation, robot design, team core values, and robot performance.   Awards of excellence are presented to the team with the highest points in each category.   Championship awards are presented to the teams with the highest total points in all four categories. The Judges' Award is presented to the team that exemplifies outstanding performance in an area other than the designated categories.   The 2012 winning teams are as follows:

Division I   Ages 9-11

Project Presentation	Golden Legends	St Paul Elementary	St Paul
Robot Design	RoboDawgz	Powell Valley Middle	Big Stone Gap
Core Values	Techno Logix	Shoemaker Elem 4H	Gate City
Robot Performance			
1st Place	Robonautz	Sullins Academy	Bristol
2nd Place	Brainstormers	Weber City Elementary	Weber City

Championship

1st Place	Robonautz	Sullins Academy	Bristol
2nd Place	Save Our Seniors		Blacksburg

Judges Award	Skittle Eating Pacman	Cornerstone Christian	Abingdon

Division II   Ages 12-14

Project Presentations	MM3 Mouthketeers	Mountain Mission School	Grundy
Robot Design	AirHats	UVa College @ Wise	Wise

Core Values	Flaming Phoenixes	SWV Higher Education Ctr	Abingdon

Robot Performance

1st Place	Stripeless Zebras	Sullins Academy	Bristol
2nd Place	Lemonocalypse	Cornerstone Christian	Abingdon

Championship

1st Place	Ninja Stars	UVa College @ Wise	Wise
2nd Place	Stripeless Zebras	Sullins Academy	Bristol
3rd Place	AirHats	UVa College @ Wise	Wise

5 Championship teams qualified to compete in the Virginia State Championship Tournament at James Madison University, December 8-9, 2012.

The fourth annual Regional First Lego League Robotics Tournament was sponsored by the SW VA Higher Education Center in Abingdon, VA with corporate support from the following tournament sponsors: Alpha Natural Resources, Bolwell Financial, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman, and the SW VA Virginia Technology Council. Food sponsors included Alison's, Food City, Heartwood, In the Country, Moon Dog Brick Oven, Nancy's Fancy's, and Troutdale. Individual Lego teams were sponsored by local businesses, colleges, schools, 4-H, YWCA, and private donors.

To learn more about organizing, sponsoring, or coaching a First Lego League team in your community, contact Jeff Webb or Debbie Hensley at 276-619-4300.