

Bulldog Robotics

FIRST LEGO League • Edgerton Elementary • Kalispell, MT



Building Tomorrow's Problem Solvers

This spring, a group of kids at Edgerton Elementary will build their first robot.

They'll program it, watch it crash into a wall, work through what went wrong, rebuild it, and try again. They'll stay after school debugging code. They'll high-five when something finally works. And by the end of the season, they won't just know how to make a robot move—they'll know how to solve problems together.

We're launching Bulldog Robotics, Edgerton Elementary's FIRST LEGO League team—and we need your help.

What is FIRST LEGO League?

FIRST LEGO League is a global robotics program—600,000+ kids in 110 countries competing, collaborating, and learning. Students design robots to complete missions, research real problems, and present solutions to judges. It's engineering, coding, and teamwork.

It's learning that failure is just the first step.

This Year: UNEARTHED

The 2026 season challenges students to explore how we uncover, interpret, and build on discoveries from the past. Our team of 8-12 students (grades 4-6) will build autonomous robots to complete themed missions, then research and present solutions to real challenges.

Our Approach

FIRST LEGO League seasons typically run in the fall. We're using this spring to kick-start the program—training students, building skills, and ironing out the details before going all-in for competition in Fall 2026. This lets us hit the ground running when it counts.

The Bigger Picture

We're not asking for a one-time donation. We're inviting you to help build something lasting. Our vision is a 4-year commitment following this founding group through their entire FIRST LEGO League journey. As they grow, they'll mentor the next wave of students.

2026 Roadmap

JAN-FEB

Team Formation & Training

MAR-APR

Build Season & Practice

MAY

Scrimmage Event

FALL 2026

First Official Competition

Leadership

Led by Josh Rathke, VP of Engineering with over 15 years of experience in software and technology—committed to bringing hands-on STEM education to Kalispell's next generation.

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Become a Founding Sponsor

Help us raise \$4,500 to kick-start Bulldog Robotics

PRESENTING



\$1,000+

- ✓ Logo on shirts & materials
- ✓ Named in all communications
- ✓ Recognition at events
- ✓ Website spotlight feature
- ✓ Engagement opportunities
- ✓ Appreciation Event invite

GOLD



\$750

- ✓ Logo on team shirts
- ✓ Recognition at events
- ✓ Website logo feature
- ✓ Engagement opportunities
- ✓ Appreciation Event invite

SILVER



\$500

- ✓ Name on team shirts
- ✓ Recognition in materials
- ✓ Website listing
- ✓ Appreciation Event invite

BRONZE



\$250

- ✓ Listed as supporter
- ✓ Appreciation Event invite

Where the Money Goes

Robot Kits & Expansion Sets (4 stations)	\$2,500
Registration, Table & Field Mat	\$500
Team Shirts, Tools & Supplies	\$750
Contingency & Reserves	\$750
TOTAL	\$4,500

This funding will kick-start the program and prepare us for Fall 2026 competition.

SPONSOR APPRECIATION EVENT

Join us this spring! Robot demos, student presentations, Q&A, and photos. All sponsors invited.

Let's Talk

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