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Energize Connecticut Center Kicks off the School Year with LEGO Robotics Family Night

Challenge your family's imagination and teamwork by designing and building robots

NORTH HAVEN, Conn., August 24, 2017 – As part of the Energize Connecticut Center's Family Night Series, students, grades K-8, and their parents are invited to explore the world of robotics and test their inventiveness with the FIRST® LEGO® League on Friday, September 15.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Energize Connecticut Center, 122 Universal Drive North, North Haven (next to Panera Bread in the Target Plaza). It is free of charge and open to the public.

FIRST® LEGO® League will provide two age-appropriate build projects customized for students of varied skill levels.

Throughout the evening's activities, families will learn about the scientific method, and utilize their strategic thinking, teamwork and creativity skills to build an interactive LEGO robot that will tackle real-world, energy-related engineering challenges. As part of the process, guests will:

- Design the robot's appearance
- Construct the body with motorized LEGO elements
- Program the robot's commands and test its capabilities

FIRST, an organization that offers science and technology programs for young people, will also have an interactive robot on display for guests to engage with.

Additionally, children and their families can explore the Energize Connecticut Center, learn about their environmental impact on the world and identify creative solutions to help make a difference every day.

The Energize Connecticut Center's Family Night Series is designed to provide entertainment for children of all ages and their families while simultaneously educating them on the impact our energy consumption has on the planet, and ways to be more energy efficient. The next event will be the Center's 3rd Annual Family Science Day on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to reserve your spot for these events, please contact Alysse Rodrigues, 203-799-0460, arodrigues@crec.org or visit [https://www.energizect.com/free-family-activity-
lego%C2%AE-robotics](https://www.energizect.com/free-family-activity-lego%C2%AE-robotics)

About the Energize Connecticut Center

The Energize Connecticut Center is the only place in the state that provides children and adults with a hands-on learning experience to discover the important role that energy plays in our daily lives – free of charge. Its interactive exhibits and state-of-the-art displays showcase different energy sources, demonstrate how we use energy, and convey the benefits of smart energy choices, including cost savings, comfort, convenience, sustainability, and environmental impacts.

Open to visitors of all ages, the Energize Connecticut Center is professionally staffed with energy experts to help you learn about the latest energy efficient and renewable energy ideas and technologies. For more information, please visit EnergizeCT.com/center or call 203-799-0460.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

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