My Awesome Trip

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This is a story about when my teammates and I on my First Lego League team went to the world championship!! The object of FLL is to create a robot to go through a series of obstacles and difficult missions. You also have a project; our project was an underwater fish herding robot to lead fish out of irrigation ditches before they dry up. The last part of FLL is the core values and teamwork challenge. The judges judge you meticulously on how well you can work as a team and how polite and respectful you are and how well you show gracious professionalism. FLL is a very fun activity and is good for your skill and core value developing. I would recommend FLL to anyone who likes fun challenges.

At the state FLL competition we did not do very well for the robot part of the challenge, but for the core values and teamwork part we did great! The judges were very impressed with how well we could work as a team and how respectful we were. Because of this we were given second place in the state! Later that week we found out that the judges thought that it would be better for us to go to the championship than the team that got first. We got really excited but we thought that we would be going to LEGOLAND in California for the National competition, but later we found out that they wanted us for the world championship in Houston, Texas. This was a crazy shock to us but we were so excited that we didn’t care that we didn’t get to go to LEGOLAND.

When we got to Texas we were really confused about where to go and how to get there. But we eventually talked to some people and figured out where to go. We got our hotel room set up and went swimming and then to bed. The next day we went to the Houston Convention Center (it was huge!) and got our booth completely ready. That day and the next were just the competitions. We did well for the core values part but we didn’t do well at all in the robotics part because our robot just quit doing
anything it was supposed to do. That kind of upset us but not that much because we learned so much and met so many people from other countries to distract us.

After the competition the last day we went to an amusement park called Pleasure Pier to celebrate. It was really fun. It was on a pier over the ocean and when you went on the ferris wheel you could see the whole beach. There was an awesome roller coaster called the Iron Shark. It went upside down more than 5 times! After that we went swimming at the beach next to the park; and then we went to eat at a seafood place. We stayed one more night at the hotel and then the next day we headed home! It was so great to get home and to sleep in my own bed after that trip.

It was a wonderful trip and we learned a whole lot. Even though we didn’t win anything it was great because we got to meet people from other countries and learn about their culture; they also gave us tips for better and more efficient robots. The trip was also an awesome vacation because we went to Pleasure Pier and got to swim in the ocean. Like I said before, I would recommend First Lego League to anybody who wants to have a great time!