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GIRL SCOUT ROBOTICS TEAM HEADING TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Billings, MT—January 28, 2020—Earlier this month an all-girl robotics team, RoboScouts, outscored more than 70 teams to earn First Place, Champions Award at the Montana State FIRST LEGO League® (FLL) Competition in Bozeman. That win now qualifies the team for the FIRST® World Championship in Houston, Texas in April where more than 600 Champion teams from around the world will compete.

The RoboScouts team from Kalispell is comprised of all Girl Scouts and sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW). GSMW works to introduce girls of every age to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to help them see how they can actually improve the world—whether they're discovering how a car's engine runs, learning to manage finances, or caring for animals.

“Girl Scouts is committed to increasing girls’ involvement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and ensuring that girls have opportunities to explore and build potential career paths in these important fields. The fact that they do have fun throughout the process is a bonus!” according to Sally J. Leep, CEO of Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming.

At the 2020 FIRST LEGO League State Championship held in Bozeman recently, seven of the 70 teams that competed were all-girl and all Girl Scouts. Additional awards were presented to Girl Scout teams including 1st Place Inspiration Award to Rainbow Universe of Billings, Coach/Mentor of the Year to Anita Gonzalez with The Basic Bees of Billings, and Runner Up for Gracious Professionalism to Charlo Cookie Coders of Charlo.

The FLL challenge theme for 2019-2020 is City Shaper with a mission to help cities, towns reach new heights. Each challenge has three parts: the Robot Design and Game, the Innovation Project, and the Core Values. The challenge requires teams to choose and solve a real-world problem in the Innovation Project. They also build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game.

Over several months, girls had the chance to develop, design, build and code LEGO MINDSTORMS robots to perform autonomous missions on a playing field about the size of a pool table. The competition was battle between students, grades 4-8, to see whose LEGO robot could complete the most tasks in 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

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GSMW membership consists of 9,242 girls and more than 3,000 adults with national membership at 2.5 million. To join Girl Scouts or become a volunteer please visit www.gsmw.org or call 800-736-5243.