



# Silver Bow Montessori School

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## **SPECIAL MEMO ON FIRST LEGO LEAGUE 2016-17**

**TO:** Students interested in First Lego League for 2016-17 and their parents  
**FROM:** FLL Coaches: Bobbi Blow, Matt Rachor  
**SUBJECT:** Sign-up for 2016-17 FLL team – "Animal Allies"  
**DATE:** October 5, 2016

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It's time for interested students to get started on the 2016-17 US First Lego League (FLL) project, "Animal Allies". Attached is information on the project. The team will prepare for and compete on this project at the Montana FLL State Championship scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2017.

This year's Lego program will be held at the school. The "Animal Allies" Challenge may be worked on along with the robot programming after school from 3:30 to 5pm on days yet to be determined. As we get closer to the competition date, class time may be used to perfect the "Animal Allies" Challenge.

Team members would be expected to contribute a couple hours per week toward the effort. Our first session will be held Thursday, October 13, 2016.

All FLL teams have two to ten members ages 9 to 14. Thus, this opportunity is available to upper elementary students at SBM. Last year we were allowed to include, at our discretion, children who were slightly younger than 9 to participate, based on their maturity and conduct. The school has registered an FLL team and acquired the challenge course for 2016-17.

To ensure that students understand the value of this experience and are committed to the significant work involved, we are asking students to "opt-in" to the program by reviewing and agreeing to ground rules. These expectations are outlined in the attached "SBM First Lego League Team Sign-Up." If you wish to participate, please return the signed form by Thursday, October 13.

Coach Matt Rachor is looking for sponsorship for this year's team. There will be no charge for the students who participate this year.

We would also like to thank Nick Lace and Maleesha Kovnesky for volunteering to assist with coaching this year.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Bobbi Blow in the school office 494-1033 or Matt Rachor at 491-0411.