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***FIRST* Chesapeake Robotics Program Expo and Scrimmage Sponsored by Qualcomm:
Check Out Robotics Programs for Grades K-12
Science Museum of Western Virginia
October 22nd, 2022**

Roanoke, VA – (October 22nd, 2022, 10am-4pm) Robotics teams from elementary to high school will be on-hand to demonstrate their robots, answer questions about starting new teams and volunteering, and share fun interactive activities. Middle and high school *FIRST* Tech Challenge robotics teams will also be forming alliances and pitting their competition robots against each other in scrimmages that will run throughout the day. This event, as well as museum admission, are free for this day only.

What: *FIRST* Chesapeake Robotics Program Expo and FTC Scrimmage Sponsored by Qualcomm

When: Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 from 10am-4pm

Where: [Science Museum of Western Virginia](#), 1 Market Square, SE, Roanoke, VA. Museum and Expo admission is free!

Dozens of the best and brightest students from Southwest Virginia will be at Science Museum of Western Virginia to show off their competition robots and share their experiences with visitors who are interested in learning more about joining a robotics team or volunteering for *FIRST* Chesapeake programs. There are [FIRST programs](#) available for students from kindergarten through 12th grade, and best of all, no experience is required to be on a team or volunteer!

FIRST Tech Challenge teams from local middle and high schools will also be competing in scrimmages throughout the day. Come out and cheer on your favorite 'bot or try your hand at driving Southwest Virginia's own demo 'bot, *the Qualcommimator*!

[The Science Museum of Western Virginia](#) is in the heart of Roanoke and includes interactive exhibits relating to the environment, healthy bodies, engineering, and much more! Learning about Science through toys and amusement makes the museum a perfect destination for all ages, from kindergarteners to grandparents.

[FIRST Chesapeake](#) began as VirginiaFIRST in 1999, a nonprofit that brings [FIRST Robotics Competition](#) and

[FIRST Tech Challenge](#) events to the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. *FIRST* Chesapeake and its *FIRST* LEGO League partner, [VA-DC FLL](#), are planning exceptional events for students K-12 in the 2022-2023 season and beyond. To learn more about *FIRST* Chesapeake and other *FIRST* programs, click [here](#).

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