Ideas for FLL Team Names

With examples of T-shirt designs, themes, accessories, costumes, colors, mascots and more

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Finding a Name

For many teams, a name is selected, and from that name a logo, t-shirt design, and theme are created.

On other teams, they start with an idea, object or theme and from that create a name.

Both approaches work, but staring with something fun or creative that is not strictly related to robots or technology may lead to a more unique name and better exhibit the core value:  We have Fun!
Team Names Often Include Some Combination of...

- Name of: street, school, city, person, animal, group or profession
- Movie: name, characters, theme
- Characteristic common to the members
- Concept: inspiring idea, word, or phase
- Random wacky silliness
- Words related to Legos or technology: bot, droid, robot, brick, block, tech

Have your team brainstorm several things in these categories and then review the following slides for inspiration on how other teams have put these ideas in use.
A team logo with a lot of detail may look great on a piece of paper, but these will be much harder to see on a t-shirt, made of fabric, being worn by an active child.

Take note of font selections & font sizes, and also the choice of color combinations both with and without the accessories. Some designs are better at showing not only the team name, but also sharing the style and identity of the team by their choice of colors, styles and logo.

The following collection of teams was arbitrarily pulled from the Internet. There is no ranking or order intended.
Robo, Bot and Tech Names

Often more common and predictable names, while not always the most inspiring, several teams show choice in colors, logos and accessories can make a big difference
The Battle Bots

Pirate theme

http://fullcircle.asu.edu/2013/06/8749/
Da Ex Bots

The Wizard of Oz theme is not related to the team name, but the costumes help distinguish the team.

http://www.istem.illinois.edu/news/fll.htm
CycloneBots

Challenge inspired costumes (Food Factor)

http://coconutgrovecares.org/2013/01/24/robotics-team/
Madibabots

School name + bots

ShafterBOTs

School name + bots
Eagle is the school mascot

The Electrons

Helicopter helmet (related to their challenge solution)

http://washingtondnr.wordpress.com/2014/02/18/students-innovation-could-change-how-we-respond-to-fighting-wildfires/
The Lugnuts

Challenge related logo (Food Factor)

http://fullcircle.asu.edu/2012/11/7438/
Lego Lightning

Challenge inspired name(?) (Nature's Fury)

Riverdale Rocks Robots

School Name + “Rocks Robots”
Harry Potter scarves (or Dr Seuss?)

## Other bot, tech, robo, oid & ators

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Animals and People

One of the most common types of names are those using animals and people, both real and imaginary, some specific individuals, others large groups.
RoboRangers

Clown wig & rainbow mohawks

http://www.gofundme.com/roborangers
The Robo Medics

Robo + challenge inspired name (Senior Solutions)

Fire helmet

http://fullcircle.asu.edu/2012/12/7628/
Pilot Pride

Boating name and theme
Captain's hat

http://www.fultonkynews.com/wordpress1/2014/02/03/fulton-county-middle-schools-take-home-state-lego-awards/
“Hoosier” is name for people from Indiana

http://fllblog.wordpress.com/2013/12/16/hoosier-girlz-tackle-tornado-information-with-humor/
Robotic Chickens

Chicken hats
Fancy chicken logo

http://www.weber.edu/COAST/dropdowns/First_Lego_League_Qualifier.html
Team Phoenix

Mythical bird
Unique hats
Fiery theme

http://wyss.harvard.edu/viewpage/348/
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Concept Names

Names from a clever phrase or an abstract concept
Moderately Confused

Confused brick mascot

Positive Aftermath

Party hats + inflatable instruments

The Block of Ages

Rock inspired name and theme sunglasses

http://fullcircle.asu.edu/2013/06/8749/
World Changers

Dr Seuss style hats

XX2 Extreme Girl Power

All girl team and name
Very visible font and color

https://www.facebook.com/XX2ExtremeGirlPower
Fruit Salad

Name inspired by challenge (?) (Food Factor)

http://www.adafruit.com/blog/2014/05/06/all-girl-8th-grade-robotics-team-to-represent-us-in-european-open-makereducation/
The Smart Cookies

Club inspired name (Girl Scouts)
Colorful suspenders, headbands & mustaches

http://blog.girlscouts.org/2013/03/girl-scouts-coast-to-coast-march-14-2013.html
Other Concept Names

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TV Show / Movie Inspired Names

There is no shortage of movies and shows with characters and themes to consider, not to mention books, comics, music and more
Orion Avengers

School name + movie name

The Goonies

Movie name and theme

Darthbotics

Darth Vader inspired name and theme

Molalla's Minions

School name + movie characters
Colors match characters' cute hats

http://pamplinmedia.com/mop/157-news/208155-65535-on-being-a-minion
Wacky Names

Using unusual themes, or combining unrelated things can create unique names
Backing Soda Volcano Robots

Flaming hats

Mr Volcano Head mascot


Pink Pajama Peeps

Pajamas, hats & stuffed animal mascot

http://www.csd509j.net/en-us/home/photofeatures/legoroboticsteams.aspx
Blue Cheesy Flamingos

Color + Unusual Adjective + Exotic bird

Cheese hats

(logo not on shirts?!)
Tremont TechnoTurks

Hometown + techno + turk(ey)

Turkish hats, not exactly

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### Other Uncommon Names

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Brainstorming a list of adjectives and nouns, then randomly pairing them is one way to discover new and interesting names. Adverbs are very rare and open the possibilities even further.

Interesting and creative names often use words that do not go together. Cheesy + Flamingo, Cannibal + Tuna, Robo + Waffle

… or things not normally associated with teamwork, robots or technology: Pajamas, Baking Soda Volcano, Turkey, Ninja Zombies

Consider pulling words and ideas from various sources, music, halloween costume, type of candy, aroma, emotions, history, humor, etc.

And as these earlier pages show, having a common name does not limit the team in establishing a unique identity and personality through color, style and accessories and show they embrace the core value:

We have Fun!