

# BOMB SQUAD

## FRC TEAM 16

### 2026 FIRST World Championship

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George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, Texas • April 29 – May 2, 2026

#### TRAVEL ITINERARY & COMPETITION GUIDE

Based on Official FIRST Schedule — Revised April 7, 2026

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## Key Information

Robot: **Corsair** (named after the A-7 Corsair II)

Transportation: **Village Travel**

Hotel: **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Houston IAH** — 1920 N Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77032 — (346) 209-6027

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**802.11 hotspots are PROHIBITED at the venue.** Use USB tethering for data. Convention center is CASH FREE — bring a card.

## Tuesday, April 28 — Travel Day

Time	Activity	Notes
4:00 AM	Meet at the Bomb Shelter	1439 College St, MH
4:30 AM	Load bus	
4:45 AM	Depart Mountain Home for Houston	~11 hour drive
12:30 PM	Stop for lunch	On your own
~4:00 PM	Arrive at hotel — check in	Holiday Inn Express IAH
5:30 PM	Dinner with Breakaway at Mia's Table	3131 Argonne St • On your own
8:30 PM	Back to hotel	
10:30 PM	Bed Check	MANDATORY

## Wednesday, April 29 — Load-In & Practice | Robot Shirt

Load-in crew (6 reps) will arrange separate transportation for 8:00 AM. Bus departs hotel at 10:00 AM.

Time	Activity	Notes
6:00–9:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel	
8:00 AM	<b>Load-In crew departs (separate transport)</b>	6 reps only — bus NOT needed
8:00 AM	Machine Shop Opens	GRB Convention Center
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open	Level 3, Room 362CF
10:00 AM	Meet in Lobby — Robot Shirt	
10:00 AM	<b>Bus departs hotel for Galleria Mall</b>	
10:00 AM–1:00 PM	Lunch & free time at Galleria Mall	5085 Westheimer Rd • On your own
10:00 AM	Inspection Opens	At GRB
12:00 PM	Pits Open	Full team access
12:00–7:00 PM	Practice Areas Open	
12:00–4:00 PM	Fields open for measurement & calibration	
1:00 PM	<b>Bus departs Galleria Mall for GRB</b>	
3:00 PM	Hall of Fame Photo under banners	
4:00–4:30 PM	Driver's Meeting — Galileo Field	Drivers report to stands
4:30–4:45 PM	Hall of Fame Ceremony — Galileo Field	
5:00–7:00 PM	Practice Matches	
7:30 PM	<b>Pits, Inspection, Machine Shop CLOSE</b>	
7:30 PM	Bus returns to hotel	
8:00 PM	Dinner — Pappas Bar-B-Q	\$15 prepay • Picked up & brought to hotel
11:00 PM	<b>Bed Check</b>	MANDATORY

## Thursday, April 30 — Quals Day 1 | Navy Bomb Squad

*Dinner (Velvet Taco) will be picked up and brought to the hotel. Bus goes directly to hotel after venue.*

Time	Activity	Notes
4:30 AM	Wake up call	
5:15 AM	Meet in lobby — Navy Bomb Squad shirt	
5:15 AM	<b>Bus departs hotel for GRB</b>	
5:50 AM	Arrive at GRB — breakfast from bus	
7:00 AM–6:45 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Open	
7:15–6:15 PM	Practice Areas Open	
7:15–7:45 AM	Fields open for sensor calibration	
7:45–8:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies	
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	<b>QUALIFICATION MATCHES BEGIN</b>	All 8 divisions
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open	Level 3, Room 362CF
11:00–12:30	Division Break — Archimedes	LUNCH — CARD ONLY inside GRB
11:15–12:45	Division Break — Curie	
11:30–1:00	Division Break — Daly	
11:45–1:15	Division Break — Galileo	
12:00–1:30	Division Break — Hopper	
12:15–1:45	Division Break — Johnson	
12:30–2:00	Division Break — Milstein	
12:45–2:15	Division Break — Newton	
6:45 PM	<b>Pits and Machine Shop CLOSE</b>	
6:45 PM	Bus returns directly to hotel	
7:30 PM	Dinner — Velvet Taco	\$15 prepay • Picked up & brought to hotel
7:00–10:00 PM	RoboProm (optional — \$45 ticket)	Separate transport arranged
10:30 PM	<b>Bed Check</b>	MANDATORY

## Friday, May 1 — Quals Day 2 + Selections | Navy Bomb Squad

*NOTE: Division break order is REVERSED from Thursday.*

Time	Activity	Notes
4:30 AM	Wake up call	
5:15 AM	Meet in lobby — Navy Bomb Squad shirt	
5:15 AM	<b>Bus departs hotel for GRB</b>	
5:50 AM	Arrive at GRB — breakfast from bus	
7:00 AM–6:45 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Open	
7:15–6:15 PM	Practice Areas Open	
7:45–8:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies (Volunteer of the Year)	
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	<b>QUALIFICATION MATCHES CONTINUE</b>	
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open	Level 3, Room 362CF
11:00–12:30	Division Break — Newton	LUNCH — CARD ONLY inside GRB
11:15–12:45	Division Break — Milstein	(reversed order from Thu)
11:30–1:00	Division Break — Johnson	
11:45–1:15	Division Break — Hopper	
12:00–1:00 PM	FIRST Leadership Award	Hilton Americas Ballroom
12:00–1:30	Division Break — Galileo	
12:15–1:45	Division Break — Daly	
12:30–2:00	Division Break — Curie	
12:45–2:15	Division Break — Archimedes	
6:00 PM	<b>Qualifications end</b>	
6:45 PM	<b>Pits and Machine Shop CLOSE</b>	
~7:00 PM	Bus to Portillo's for dinner	\$20–25 on your own • 7511 FM 1960
~9:30 PM	Return to hotel	
8:30 PM	Team Meeting + FINAL scouting review	Build final pick list
10:30 PM	<b>Bed Check</b>	MANDATORY

## Saturday, May 2 — Playoffs & Einstein | Navy — LOAD BUS

**⚠️ Load ALL your stuff on the bus before leaving the hotel. We do NOT come back.**

Time	Activity	Notes
4:30 AM	Wake up & breakfast	
5:15 AM	Meet in lobby — LOAD BUS WITH ALL YOUR STUFF	Navy Bomb Squad shirt
5:15 AM	Bus departs hotel for GRB (luggage loaded)	
5:50 AM	Arrive at GRB — breakfast from bus	
7:00 AM–2:00 PM	Pits and Machine Shop Open	Close at 2:00 PM today
7:15 AM	Opening Ceremonies + Alliance Selection	Impact Award Finalists
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open	Level 3, Room 362CF
8:30 AM–12:00 PM	Division Playoff Matches	Awards during Playoffs
8:30 AM–4:00 PM	Team Load Out	Pack pit when eliminated
12:00–2:00 PM	Break / Lunch	CARD ONLY inside GRB
2:00 PM	Pits and Machine Shop CLOSE	
2:00–6:30 PM	Einstein Tournament + Event Finale	Woodie Flowers + Impact Award
~6:30 PM	DEPART Houston for Mountain Home	~11 hour drive
~4:00 AM Sun	Approximate arrival Mountain Home	Sunday, May 3

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