



# NEW MEXICO FIRST TECH CHALLENGE



## Welcome to the Alamogordo *FIRST* Tech Challenge Qualifying Tournament!

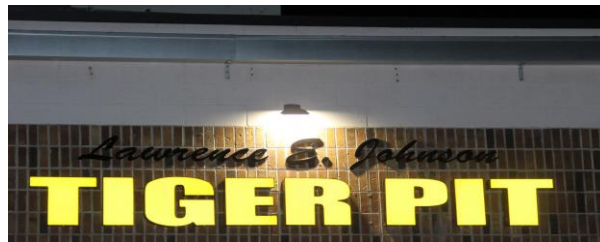
Hosted by Alamogordo High School, Holloman Air & Space STEM Outreach, and ASTRO Vikings *FTC*

Thank you for volunteering January 16 and/or 17 at our Qualifier event held here in Alamogordo, New Mexico! This year's game, DECODE, is an exciting one! It's time to celebrate the achievements of our teams. Please read the following information and help us have a fantastic tournament.

### Schedule for the Tournament Friday, Jan 16, 2026, 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm

We have access to the venue for setup after 3 PM on Friday. While many volunteer roles are for Saturday, all are welcome to come Friday starting at 3PM to help setup or meet teams. Venue opens to teams at 6:00 PM for early check-in, inspection, pit set up, judging and practice. We encourage as many teams as possible to take advantage of this opportunity. Getting all teams inspected in a timely manner will ensure that the event runs on time. At 9:00 PM, the venue closes for the night.

This year we are having the Qualifier in the Tiger Pit! You will enter Alamogordo HS from First Street onto Tiger Drive. Please enter the building directly under the Lawrence E Johnson Tiger Pit sign. I will have A.S.T.R.O. Vikings outside looking for folks, but if you are at all confused on where to enter Friday evening, please call Heather (575)442-1158 or Matthew (575)442-1486 and we will send help!



### Saturday, Jan 17, 2026

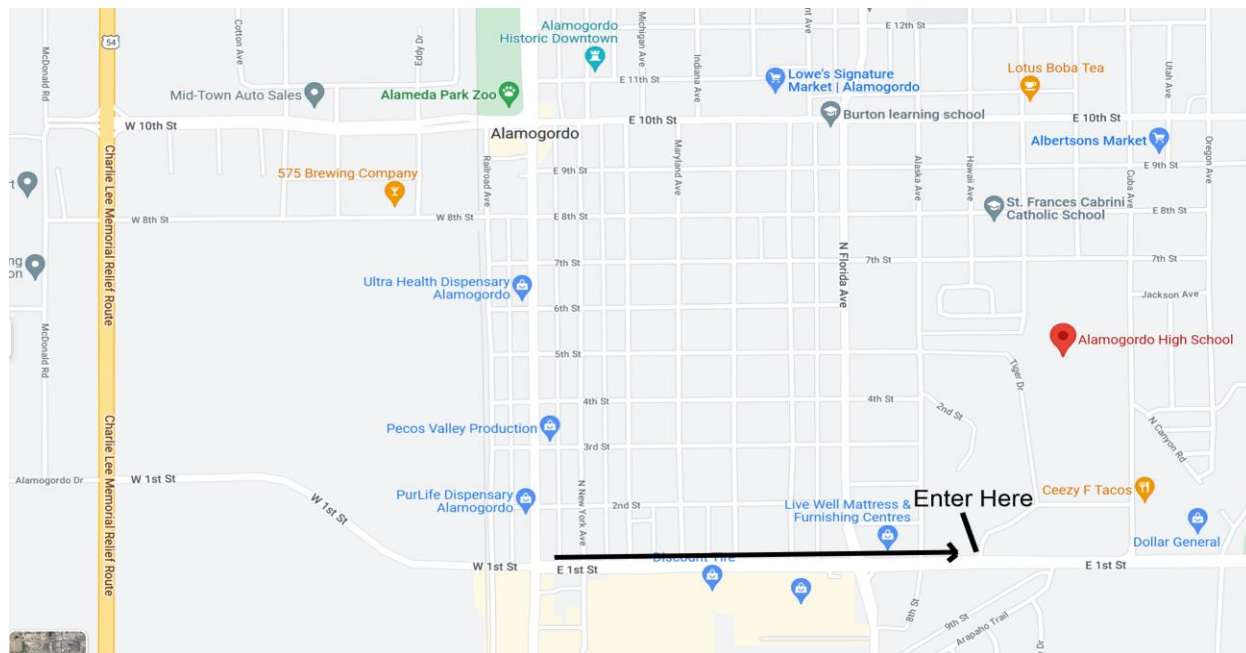
- 7:00 am Doors open to Volunteers and Teams, Volunteer Breakfast available in Lounge
  - Volunteers, please be on site by 7:30 and 8 AM
- 8:00 am Drivers meeting on the field & Coaches meeting in entry hallway
- 8:30 am Judging sessions and practice matches begin
- 10:30 am Opening Ceremonies
- 10:45 am Qualification Matches begin
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm Qualification matches resume
- 2:00 pm Alliance Selections
- 2:30 pm Elimination matches
- 4:00 pm Pit & Competition field teardown, teams pack out
- 5:00 pm Awards & Closing ceremony (starts after the TD and PDP are satisfied w/pit area status)
- 5:45 pm Event ends
- 6:00 pm Building closes (all teams please clear the venue by 6:00 pm unless you are helping with cleanup & teardown!)

## Food

**Food and drinks will be provided for all volunteers!** There will be a volunteer lounge for taking a break and consumption of food/drinks. **The school will not allow food or drink on the Gymnasium floor which includes the Pits and competition area!** Only bottled water. Food can be consumed in the upper gym or outside. **Please just clean up after yourself!**

## Directions & Parking

To get to the Alamogordo High School from Highway 54 turn onto 1<sup>st</sup> street. You will turn left to enter the high school parking lot from 1<sup>st</sup> Street. There is a big sign that says Tiger Drive! If you make it to Cuba Ave you've went too far.



## Things to remember:

- Please have any training, certifications, consent & release and YPP screening shown as required for your volunteer role in the FIRST registration system complete. That will make your (and our) day go much smoother!
- Safety glasses are required in all Pit and Competition areas. We will have safety glasses for volunteers including ones that fit over your prescription glasses
- Closed toed shoes only in the pits and competition area.
- Cheer! Bring up the energy of our event and have a blast!
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN and enjoy the accomplishments of the teams!

## Thank you!

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