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Wapato High School Hosts FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition

Wapato High School (WHS) is set to host the FIRST Lego League Qualifying Matches this weekend, December 6th and 7th, marking a major milestone for the Wapato Robotics Engineering Club (WREC) as they host the prestigious event for the first time.

The competition will bring a total of 51 student robotics teams to the WHS campus over two days. Twenty-four teams are scheduled to compete on Saturday, followed by 27 teams on Sunday. Teams will be traveling from across the region, including Ephrata, Royal City, the Tri-Cities area, Leavenworth, Walla Walla, and Touchet, making this a significant regional event for youth science, technology, engineering, and math.

The FIRST Lego League competition challenges students to build, test, and program an autonomous robot that will then compete against other teams' robots on a specialized field.

The robot competition portion of the event begins at 1:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at Wapato High School.