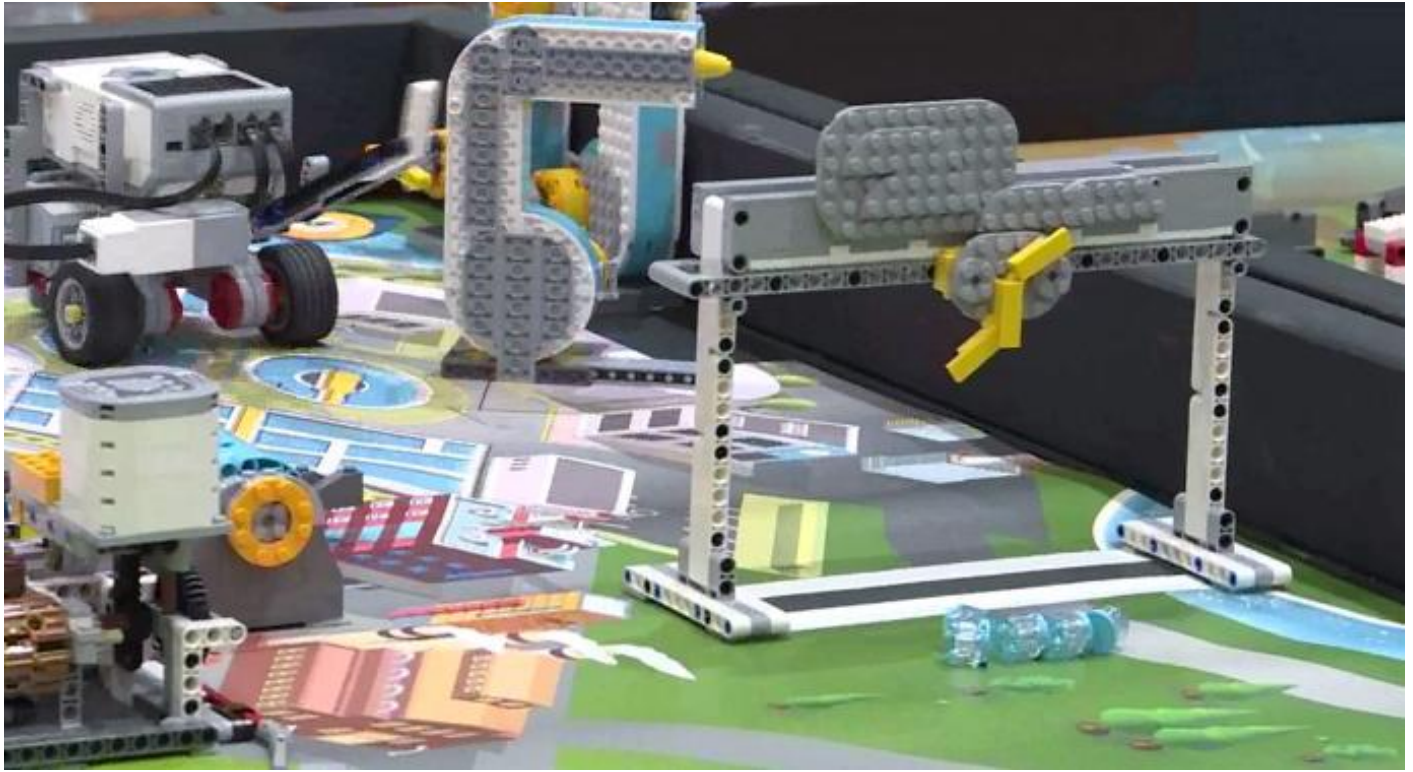


Local school headed to FIRST LEGO League Robotics World Championships

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CAMDENTON, Mo. -- It was a busy afternoon at Camdenton High School gym, but it wasn't the basketball team who was on the court. It was actually 36 robotics teams from schools across the state competing for their chance to go to World Championships.



"Robotics is awesome," exclaimed Owen Combs, a fifth-grade student in Camdenton.

That was the general consensus among the students on 36 different robotics teams from schools all around central Missouri.

"We actually started during august, and we've been working, and it's actually part of our school classes," said Cecilia Kopp, a St. George seventh grader.

This year's objective was all about water.

"To be able to understand how water is used and to be inventive on how we use and deal with water in our environment," said Tim Hadfield, Camdenton School Superintendent.

Not everything goes as planned, and the students understand that and are encouraged to keep working,

"We definitely need to work on more of our programs, but we did really well on one of them," said Jason Burge, a seventh grader from Ozark.

After spending a lot of time working on these robots, some are considering robotic design and other science fields for future careers.

"I think so, yes. STEM is a big part of it, and there's a lot of technology jobs that are out there," Combs added.

While the trophies are nifty to take home, the main goal was to make it to Houston for World Championships.

The team representing Central Missouri will be from Eldon, and the team headed out to California to experience Lego Land is St. George in Hermann.

