

Thank you for joining FTC TEC Network. Our mission is to enable teams to connect, communicate, and collaborate with one another from around the world. This will be achieved through the use of Google Products.



Google Accounts & Products

We have chosen to use Google products for this Network because it is user friendly and each product works seamlessly with one another. For this reason, it is a requirement for teams to have a Gmail Account or an email compatible with Google products. (Some school email addresses have this capability) Although not required it is suggested that your email associated with your team contain your team name as an identifier.

1. Google Hangouts

Google Hangouts are the primary form of communication that is used in FTC TEC Network. A “Hangout” is a video chat service that allows up to ten people to be in a call at once. Hangouts in the Network will be conducted at times throughout the season, most of which will have a specific topic.

Each Hangout will have a host team. If a team has any questions regarding a specific hangout they would contact their host team. If a team would like to host a hangout please refer to the website to see which hangouts are in need of a host team. Once a date, time, and host team is specified, the hangout will be posted on Google+ and will be listed on the FTC TEC Network calendar. To reserve their team’s seat in a hangout, they simply respond yes to the invitation in Google +.

2. Google +

Google Plus is the more social aspect of the Network. It allows for teams to share experiences and tips. Within Google Plus there is a “Community” established specific to teams in the Network. It is “FTC TEC Network”. Upon filing out the team application, the administration will invite the email listed on the form to the community. (This can only happen if the email listed is a Gmail. If not, the team’s email will be added once a Gmail account is created.) **The team must then accept the invitation.** This can be done from within their notifications in Google. (For more information see the Google+ page of the FTCTECNetwork.org website)

For ease of communication and identification it is recommended that the teams’ profile name be their **team name and number**. Names are changeable on the “Profile” section of Google +.

Expectations

It is expected of all participating teams that they

- Respect all members of the Network
- Reserve and respect teams’ privacy
- Do not exploit a team, persons, or any information accessed by using FTC TEC Network
- Do not use profanity, or conduct them selves in any inappropriate manner
- Allow for other teams to have the chance to attend and host hangouts

We do not expect any time commitment from teams. Teams can be as involved in networking as they choose to be.

***Thank you for your continued support!
If you have any questions, please email us at ftctecnetwork@gmail.com.***