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## Summer “Programming” Builds Skills for Juneau Youth JEDC Offers Robotics Workshops for All Experience Levels

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Next week, the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) will host three Lego Robotics Workshops for kids and adults in Juneau. The workshops are part of JEDC’s Springboard Program. Springboard is a Technology Transfer program funded by the Department of Defense that recognizes the need for improved Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education throughout the U.S.

Next week’s workshops will be led by Paul Keeney, a veteran FIRST Lego League coach and a certified science teacher from Minnesota. Paul is back for his second summer in Alaska, teaching summer robotics programs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Kuskokwim campus. This year, he is volunteering his time to help Juneau develop its fledgeling robotics program. Keeney will run classes for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the school district’s RALLY program and then offer three different workshops that are open to the public.

The workshops will take place at Riverbend Elementary School. The following sessions are available: First Time Programmers, Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1pm-3pm, Coaches & Parents, Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm-8pm, and Advanced Programmers on Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm-5pm. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration required. To register or request more information, please contact Rebecca Parks at [rparks@jedc.org](mailto:rparks@jedc.org) or 523-2334. You can learn more about the FIRST Lego League at <http://www.usfirst.org>.

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