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| Anchor | I’m Michelle Long, coming to you from *FIRST®* Headquarters in Manchester, NH, USA. Welcome to the *FIRST* LEGO League TRASH TREKSM Global Challenge Release. Our three-part series will explore the Challenge, Project and Robot Game. Teams around the world already know this year’s Challenge focuses on what happens to our trash. But the details of the Challenge have been a closely guarded secret – until now. |
|  | Joining me are *FIRST®* LEGO® League Game Designer Scott Evans and Project Manager Jinnel Choiniere, reporting from the field.  Scott, why does this topic matter? |
| Scott | Well, trash, waste, garbage, or junk, whatever you want to call it – it’s universal. *Everybody* makes trash, although it may mean different things to different people. Wherever you live, whatever you do, you’re generating trash. |
| Michelle | How about some examples? |
| Scott | Trash can be broken toys, old carpet, dinner scraps or even uranium. |
|  | Whatever you think of when you think of trash, we want you to start seeing it as an opportunity. |
| Jinnel | That’s right, Scott. You may already sort your trash into different bins. But before you even get to the bin, ask yourself, is this your only option? |
| Michelle | What advice do you have for teams to be successful? |
| Jinnel | The topic of “trash” is obviously pretty big. Don’t try to tackle all of it at the same time. Think about ways to make less trash or improve the way we handle the trash we make. |
| Scott | **Rethink** the way you look at trash. There are limitless opportunities for innovation. **Refuse** to make more trash than you need to, whether that means buying products with less packaging or making choices that lead to less waste. |
| Jinnel | **Reuse** items instead of throwing them away – either continuing in their original purpose or by creating something new.  **Recycle** what you can. You would be amazed at how quickly a recycled aluminum can or plastic bottle can become a new product. |
| Scott | And if all else fails, store trash **responsibly** so it doesn’t cause new problems in the future. |
| Michelle | Sounds like this year’s Challenge could really spark some creative thinking. |
| Jinnel | We hope so, Michelle. And it’s important to understand that the problems connected to trash go beyond environmental issues. Successful solutions need to mix the goals of people, planet and profit. You need all three pieces working together. |
| Michelle | We’ll take a look at the details of the Project and Robot Game in just a minute. Remember teams, as you work this season, be sure to stay grounded in our Core Values. They’re the third key component of the *FIRST* LEGO League program. Have fun, work as a team, learn together and celebrate the discoveries you make. Scott, Jinnel *--*  any last thoughts? |
| Scott | Don’t think you’re too young to make a change. If you can learn how to change your habits at 9, 10, or 11 years old, you can start making a difference at 9, 10, or 11 years old. Your habits will last a lifetime and will influence you, your team, friends, family and society. |
| Jinnel | And most of all, remember to start with the parts of the Challenge that get YOU excited. Find a problem that inspires you. Work on the missions that look fun. It won’t feel like work if it lights your spark. After all, the Challenge SHOULDbe fun. Have a good time learning with your team. Trash is sometimes a little bit gross, and who doesn’t love gross stuff once in a while? |
| Michelle | I know, right? Thanks, Scott and Jinnel. Next up, we’ll take a closer look at the Project. |