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**Natural Disasters Season Teasers**

**2013 Nature’s Fury Challenge** (FLL)

Coming August 27, 2013

Can *FIRST*® LEGO® League teams help us master natural disasters? In the 2013 Nature’s Fury Challenge, over 200,000 children ages 9 to 16\* from over 70 countries will explore the awe-inspiring storms, quakes, waves and more that we call natural disasters. Teams will discover what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work, and play. Brace yourself for Nature’s Fury!

FLL challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. During Nature’s Fury teams will build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. They will also choose and solve a real-world problem in the Project. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under FLL’s signature set of Core Values.

\*9-14 in the US, Canada, and Mexico

**2013 Disaster Blaster Challenge** (Jr.FLL)

Coming August 2013

Can Junior *FIRST*® LEGO® League teams help us master natural disasters? In the 2013 Disaster Blaster Challenge, over 22,000 children ages 6 to 9 from 12 countries will explore the awe-inspiring storms, quakes, waves and more that we call natural disasters. Teams will learn how science, technology, engineering, and math impact our everyday lives while they get excited about future innovations. Brace yourself for Disaster Blaster!

Each year, Jr.FLL presents a new and exciting Challenge to ignite the inherent creativity in young children. While exploring natural disasters, teams will learn about simple machines as they build a model made of LEGO® elements with a motorized part and learn to present information through a Show Me Poster. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under Jr.FLL’s signature set of Core Values.