Celebration Pack

Wonder League Robotic Competition 2017-2018

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" - Dr. Seuss

Your team has finished a Wonder League Robotics Competition mission; it's time to celebrate and recognize each team member's individual and collective contributions. Your team's dedication and passion deserve to be applauded, and there are many ways to do so!

Suggestions:

- Applaud: It doesn't have to be fancy, but it's always fun to celebrate a group accomplishment together. Host a ceremony or a celebratory lunch/dinner. Invite the team's family members and other notable guests. You could keep with the space theme with some simple "out of this world" decorations.
- Award: In this day and age, when applauding an individual's efforts, you have choices when
 it comes to badges, ribbons, or trophies -- they can be physical prizes or digital awards!
 Think beyond first, second, and third place; last year, we awarded honorable mentions for
 categories like Divine Design, Computational Creativity, Fantastic Fails, and Superb
 Storytelling. We featured these titles and photos on our blog; see our Local Media Kit for
 more ways to share.
- **Print**: Print an official certificate for each team member. Add the team member's name and your signature. The file is a writable PDF, so you can add in a child's name and/or change the accolades. Consider awarding these certificates at a school assembly, school board meeting, or community event. You may even want to ask a school principal or a town official to make the presentation.
- Create: We have made Wonder League Robotics Competition 2018-2019 designs available. Think about printing team t-shirts, posters, banners, or other goodies for your team.
- Share: Consider ways to share the teams' videos and stories with a broader audience. You could post QR Codes linked to video URLs in a school, library, or community center's hallways or main bulletin board. You could share videos or photos of the teams' learning experiences in blogs, newsletters, or group emails. If you thinking of sharing images or videos on social channels, just remember to ask the team's permission first.
- **Highlight:** These team accomplishments often are heartwarming stories. Explore the ideas in our <u>Local Media Kit</u> to find ways to share your teams' stories and to invite the local press to cover your teams' experiences and/or celebrations.

Not only do the above suggestions take effort and time, but you may find that there are associated costs. Take a look at our <u>Community Hosting Guide</u> to find some ways to encourage community support.