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FCC NTX Update - Last call for essays, forms and project plans due, preparing for regional

All:

Hope you had a great holiday break.

Now, it's the final push to complete your Future City projects. The judges are hard at work on your Virtual City and City Essay entries. Speaking of Essays...

FINAL DEADLINE FOR CITY ESSAYS is Monday, 8 January. Upload through the Team Center, www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html.

Note: not submitting an essay won't disqualify your team – you can continue with the project under the "partial participation" option.

MODELS – Hopefully, you are already hard at work on your models. Remember, the model is a futuristic representation of your city – the one you designed with your SimCity. Choose the scale so that you can display the areas of the city that you want the judges to evaluate. And, remember that the scale needs to apply horizontally and vertically. See the recorded webinar, Model Slideshow, on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCacW1hQSPrW-wSotEbDlasQ>, and look for pictures of models on the website.

PRESENTATIONS – Begin working on your presentations. You will have 7 minutes to present your city to the judges, then another 5-7 minutes to answer the judges questions. The presentation does not have to be completely memorized and rehearsed, but you should know the material and be able to present it smoothly. You can view presentations by National Finalists online at <http://futurecity.org/gallery> - filter on "City Presentations" and "National" region, "Any Year," "National Winner."

FORMS AND PROJECT PLANS are due 15 January: Honor Statements, Media Waivers, and Project Plans. Upload files through the Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html). Late submission will be accepted through 19 January with a few points deducted. Note: the media waiver form is not mandatory if anyone objects. However, Future City North Texas will not take steps to ensure that individuals without a waiver do not talk to media representatives – it will be up to the students and responsible adults.

DO NOT UPLOAD EXPENSE FORMS – bring expense forms with your model to UTA.

CONFIRM TEAMS PRESENTING AT UTA no later than 15 Jan – we will be contacting you to confirm the teams that will be presenting at UTA so that we can assign space. Also, verify all team member names in the Team Center so that we can prepare badges, programs, etc. We will also prepare Certificates of Accomplishment for all students (beyond the 3 presenters and alternate) that you list online.

SCHEDULE IN BRIEF – 26-27 JANUARY (I will be sending out the details shortly – see www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html). I will also be recording a webinar what will be

happening and what you need to know for competition event on 27 Jan. Look for it next week on the YouTube channel.

Friday, 26 January

4-7pm – Check-in at UT Arlington, Nedderman Hall

Saturday, 27 January

7:30-8:15am – Check-in for those teams that did not come on Friday

9am-1pm – Preliminary round presentations and special award judging

1-1:50pm – Walk-around, model viewing (and people's choice voting)

2-4pm – Final round presentations

4-5pm – Awards ceremony

5-5:30pm – Model move-out & clean out, final packets available for teachers

CONFLICTS ON SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY – It is not unusual for some of the teams to have conflicts on Saturday (testing or tryouts). I reserve the last few timeslots (from 12noon-1pm) for teams with conflicts. However, notify me ASAP to obtain a special pre-reserved time slot.

Good luck and keep working!

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