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FCC NTX Update: Essay due 20 Nov, Model slideshow next

All:

First note – I have heard from some of you that your classes are moving into remote learning mode, making it difficult to complete the assignments. We tried to structure this year's program to accommodate that situation. And, please keep in mind that there is always the option to do partial participation and miss one of the deliverables. We will try and be flexible in enforcing the deadlines. Let me know if some insurmountable problem occurs and we will try and work out a solution.

CITY ESSAY DEADLINE – 20 November. This is the first (no points deducted) due date. Last date to submit the City Essay is 4 December 2020.

Living on the Moon – you can find information and rules in the handbook and reference links and webinar online at <http://futurecity.org>. There are also copies of past winning essays from the region on our Team Center Resources page (http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#more).

NEXT PHASE IS SCALE MODEL – You should already be collecting recyclables for building materials for your scale model.

For those of you who have done Future City in the past, please note that the model deliverable is much different this year to accommodate the potential distance learning situations and the virtual judging. You will be submitting a slideshow file of pictures and descriptions of your model. MAKE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE from <http://futurecity.org/resources> (under "competition forms").

Also note that you have a choice: you can build a single city model (as we have in the past) or you can build multiple model sections. The sections don't need to fit together physically. So, if your classes are having to work remotely – if your team members are having to work separately – each team member can contribute a piece of the model. Consult the template to help determine what areas need to be included in the model: Residential/commercial/industrial zones, city transportation systems, the solution to the moon challenge (example of how you are using moon resources). There is no maximum size for the model or maximum number of model sections.

There also needs to be a moving part which you will document with a short video. See <https://youtu.be/qflRVF8b690> for an overview of this year's model deliverable.

Make sure that the photos you use in the slideshow clearly show the areas required by the template. I would suggest you include signs on the buildings and infrastructure in your model to help the judges identify structures. And, the model sections must still be built to scale. Each section of the model can have its own scale (i.e., the scale for each model section can be different), but must be consistently applied within the section.

You will find resources for your model building on http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html, including links to a slideshow of past models (under "Orientation and Training") and additional information (under "Where to learn more"). Also photos of past models throughout the website and on the national website: <http://futurecity.org>. Note – the examples of models are from past competitions and represent a single (not sectioned) model.

Keep in mind that you can't spend more than \$100 on the materials for the complete model (and presentation). Take a look at the Expense Form to understand how to account for those expenses.

Good Luck!

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