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FCC Jr Update - Getting started: Teams, Mentors and Training Webinars

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Getting started on our 2019 project

NORTH TEXAS REGION INFORMATION

Bookmark out regional site: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html. This is where you will find all of the Junior Competition data like **schedule, rules, rubrics**, and resources.

PLEASE NOTE: I have updated the link for the Essay Rules and Rubric. If you have already downloaded this file, please be sure you have the 2019-20 topic: Tap Into Tomorrow (and not the power topic from last year).

LET ME INTRODUCE...

Eric Robinson has joined our coordinating team to assist with the Junior Competition. Eric is a former educator-sponsor of a Future City team. You should be receiving an email from him shortly about your engineer-mentors.

TEAM BUILDING AND MENTORS

As you enlist your volunteer engineer mentor help, please have them enroll in the online Team Center system. Go to www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html and register. Mentors will then be able to upload files and manage teams.

If you are having trouble finding mentors, we have some suggestions online – see the Team Center Resources page (http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#menfind). You will also find tips and advice on how to be a mentor. And, finally, if you cannot find a mentor, please contact Eric Robinson or Tom Hunt (tom8hunt@yahoo.com), our mentor coordinator. We will reach out to our networks for volunteers.

There are teambuilding exercises and tips (team building, brainstorming and conflict resolution) on the national website (<http://futurecity.org> - resources page, filter for activities and background info).

WEBINARS

I will be recording our Junior Competition Orientation Webinar this week and uploading it to our YouTube channel. Look for a link on the Junior Team Center page (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html).

National also has webinars that you might want to view. Note: these are designed for the middle-school competition, but information and advice will be useful for your efforts. Go to <http://futurecity.org> – resources page and filter for webinars.

- 2019 Best Practices and Advice
- Mentor Best Practices and Advice – Oct 15, 3pm – register <https://bit.ly/2miqW2J>
- Essay Topic: Tap into Tomorrow – TBA
- 2019 Eye on Engineering – TBA

TURNING AIR INTO DRINKING WATER

I came across this article recently that relates to our theme this year.

https://news.utexas.edu/2019/09/12/video-turning-air-into-drinking-water/?utm_campaign=PRES_FY19-20_Newsletter_Texas-News-9-27-19_EML&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua/

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems. GOOD LUCK with all your efforts.

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