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FCC Jr Update - Getting Started, Entering Teams, Essay deadline

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Bookmark the Junior Team Center: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html.

On that website you will also find the Future City Junior Overview Description (you should also have received those in a previous email), the specific rules and rubrics for the Essay and Model, the schedule and resources for helping with the project.

TEAM CENTER: ENTER TEAMS AND REGISTER MENTORS

If you haven't already done so, log into the online Team Center and enter your teams. You will need to do this before you can submit any deliverables. Note: team names must be unique – you will get an error message if the team name has already been used.

Also, please make sure to include your mentors in the team information and/or ask them to enroll themselves in the system:

<https://secure.futurecity.org/NorthTXJunior/MentorBin/Mentor/Enroll>. We will add them to the distribution for information and updates.

LETTER TO PARENTS – I have posted a letter for educators to print and send to parents of the student competitors explaining the FC Junior program and timeline. You can download it from the Junior Team Center Resources section.

DELIVERABLE #1: RESEARCH ESSAY – DUE 20 NOVEMBER

The essay deadline is 20 November. You can submit it late (by 4 Dec) with a few points deducted. Schedule is online in the Junior Team Center.

Essay topic: Living on the Moon. See the Junior Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) for a description of this deliverable and download the complete Rules and Rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrEssayReq21.pdf>).

Resources to help you develop the essay include (see:

http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html#resources)

1. Webinar on essay topic (<https://youtu.be/HZkSWQkXSV8>)
2. Essay references and links
3. Copies of best essays from past Jr Competitions on the Junior Team Center.

MODELS:

Get a head start on collecting your building materials – have students, parents and advisors collect recyclable items and interesting pieces for use in the model. You will want to have a good selection of various sized pieces to work with.

See the Junior Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) for a description of the model deliverable and download the complete Rules and Rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrModelReq21.pdf>).

EDUCATOR DISCUSSION

FC HQ will be hosting a second **Open Discussion Meeting for Educators** on November 5th at 4:30 CST. You should be receiving an email invitation from HQ shortly. Note: this will be primarily for the middle school program, but you are welcome to attend.

FINALLY – it's not too early to begin planning your model. Start collecting recyclables for building materials. Remember you have a maximum budget of \$50 – and you have to account for the cost of all materials unless they are recyclable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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