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FCC Jr. Update: Essay deadline approaching

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. 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.

INITIAL ESSAY DEADLINE NEXT FRIDAY

The first deadline for submitting the research essay is Friday, 20 November. Upload the essay through the team center: http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html. The file should include the essay and bibliography with three references (not to include Wikipedia).

LATE SUBMISSIONS of the essay are acceptable through 4 December with a small penalty. Please note: you will not be disqualified if you do not submit the essay. So, keep working on your projects.

NEXT PHASE – THE MODEL

If you haven't already done so, download the complete model rules and rubrics at: <http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrModelReq21.pdf>. Then, check out the information at www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html for resources you can use to plan and build your models. The models for the junior competition are to illustrate your solution for "Living on the Moon" (essay).

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 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. There is no maximum size for the model or maximum number of model sections.

Don't forget to keep track of your expenses for building the model. You will need to document them on the Expense Form. Keep your receipts to include with the form. Each team can spend up to a maximum of \$50 on their model.

Model Deliverable: This year, since there will be no on-site event, the model will be judged using a video recording that the team creates and uploads. See the Presentation Video Requirements document (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrPresReq21.pdf>) for more detail on the recording.

Good Luck – and let me know if you have any questions.

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