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FCC Jr Update - Getting Started

All:

Registration closes at the end of the month – if you have any colleagues that might be interested, tell them to sign up now.

BOOKMARK THIS SITE: NTX FC JUNIOR TEAM CENTER:

www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html.

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

STEP 1: NTX JUNIOR CMS

We have our own NTX Junior Competition Management System – the system that we have been using for several years. From this point forward, you will be using this site for creating and managing teams, uploading files and obtaining scores (after the competition). This is the system the judges will be using to score your submissions.

URL: <https://secure.dfwfuturecity.org/NorthTXJunior/Teacher>.

- If this is not your first Junior Competition, you should already have an account on the NTX CMS – use your previous login credentials to “re-activate” your account.
- If this is your first time in our program, use the menu in the upper left to “Enroll” as a new educator.

Once you are enrolled in the system you can create and manage your teams. You can also have your mentors enroll to give them access to the team management commands.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND DELIVERABLES

The NTX Junior Team Center: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html has the details on the deliverables for the Junior Competition. These are a little different than the requirements for the middle school group.

1. RESEARCH ESSAY – DUE 6 DECEMBER. Download the complete rules and rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrEssayReq25.pdf>). Also check out the resources for tips and suggestions on researching and writing your essay.
2. SCALE MODEL – DUE 25 JANUARY. Download the complete rules and rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrModelReq25.pdf>). And, 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. Remember you have a maximum budget of \$50 – and you must account for the cost of all materials unless they are recyclable.

STEP 3: WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

1. NTX Junior Team Center: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html. Details specific to the Junior Competition, resources, examples of past essays and models. Also: schedule of deliverables, list of participating organizations, and copies of Junior Update emails

(like this one). I have also included a Letter to Parents explaining about the FC Junior program – feel free to download and distribute.

2. FCC Educator Dashboard: <http://futurecity.org>. Most of you registered on the futurecity.org website and have an account there. On the Educator Dashboard you will find resources related to the middle school competition, many of which might be useful for teaching the STEM concepts of FC Junior. WE USE THIS SITE FOR RESOURCES ONLY. Don't upload files/deliverables to this system – it will not accommodate the junior competition judging.

More details on the essay will follow in a few days. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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