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FCC NTX Update - Schedule, rules for 24-25 Jan

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SCHEDULE FOR 24-25 JANUARY – I have updated the Day-of Info page online (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html) with the Schedule and Rules/Procedures.

TEAM CHECK-IN, FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY – Team check-in is Friday afternoon-evening (4-7pm). Bring your model and completed paperwork: Expense Form, Honor Statement, Model ID (attached to model), and Media Waiver Form.

The entire team need not be present to check-in .. however, there should be at least one ***reliable*** person to receive the assignment information and inform the rest of the team.

When you check in you will:

- Receive your room assignment for the preliminary round and special awards judging
- Receive your schedule for special awards judging
- Select a time for your preliminary round presentation
- Turn in your Honor Statement and Media Waiver forms (Expense Form and Model ID stay with the model)
- Receive a folder with rules, schedule, badges, chits for t-shirts (and other goodies) and ballots for People's Choice Best Model

Everyone who can, should check in Friday, but if it is impossible ...

SATURDAY MORNING (25 JAN) TEAM CHECK-IN – 7:30-8:30am. For those teams that did not check in on Friday.

EDUCATOR AND MENTOR CHECK-IN ON SATURDAY – we have separate packets for educators and mentors. Both will receive chits for "thank you gifts" and educators will get the lunch tickets for their team(s).

And, speaking of ..

LUNCHESES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE UTA CONNECTIONS CAFE – we will provide tickets for each official team member. Others can purchase lunches for \$7-8 each. The café/cafeteria is open from 11am-1:30pm – you can get lunch whenever you have the time available in your schedule.

There are also numerous fast-food and restaurant options near campus if you prefer something different (although, our tickets are only good at the Café).

PRELIMINARY ROUND WILL BE 8am-1pm. There are always conflicts with SAT testing and UIL competitions. We hold the 12-1pm presentation time slots for those with conflicts – BUT LET ME KNOW NOW if there is a conflict. All presentation times are allocated on a first-come (check-in), first-served basis.

SPECIAL AWARDS JUDGING WILL BE DURING THE PRELIMINARY ROUND – I will send out more info on the sponsors in a later email. But, you can take a look at the past competitions

pages on the website to get an idea of the award categories. Please be aware that your teams need to be available with their model for this judging .. we won't go looking for them.

OTHER ACTIVITIES – You will receive a schedule for your team photo. All teams should take the time to get their pictures taken. Also, SWE (Society of Women Engineers) will be hosting some engineering challenges to help fill the time when your teams/kids are not presenting. We also have some games and cards available for loan.

FINAL ROUND PRESENTATIONS – will be from 2-4pm in the auditorium, in front of a panel of celebrity judges and an audience. 4-6 teams will advance from the preliminary round. Everyone else is welcome to watch the presentations.

AWARDS CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FINALS – from 4-5pm in the auditorium. We will be presenting the Special Awards and the 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place awards. In all, we will be presenting 25-30 awards, so there is a good chance for teams to win something. Out of respect for our sponsors, we ask that the teams be present for the ceremony.

Let me know if you have any questions. The emails will be coming much more frequently as we get closer.

Good luck to all of you.

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