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FCC NTX Update – Information for 30-31 January

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Attached is information on the rules and procedures for the competition event on 30-31 January. I've also updated the "Day-of Info" page on the website. A few things to point out:

CHECK-IN IS 30 JANUARY FROM 4-7pm – except for those teams travelling a significant distance to participate. For those groups, we will have a brief check-in period on Saturday morning from 7:30-8:15am.

For the check-in, you will need to bring your model. However, not all of the team needs to be present – just a responsible representative who can accept the presentation time assignment and make sure the information gets to all team members.

The team will have THREE (3) assigned times for Saturday, 31 January.

1. Presentation time – when the team presents their design to the judges.
2. Special awards judging time – when the team is to be interviewed by the special award judges. Teams (student members only) need to be standing at their assigned model locations.
3. Team photos – when the teams (all members) can get their pictures taken in Rm 100.

Except for those specific times, the team members are free to do what they want. The atrium of Nedderman Hall is available as a general congregation space. There will be engineering challenge activities and games available for check-out.

LUNCH will be provided in the Connections Café for all team members. We will have tickets in the Teacher's check-in packet (available Saturday morning). Others are welcome to join the team in the Café at their own expense. Lunches are \$7-8. Or, there are a number of restaurants and fast food establishments nearby. NOTE: the Café is open from 11am-1:30pm. We will provide the tickets, however, it is up to you to schedule time to go over and get lunch.

SCHEDULE IN BRIEF

Friday, 30 January

- 4-7pm – Check-in at UT Arlington, Nedderman Hall

Saturday, 31 January

- 7:30-8:15am – Check-in for those teams that did not come on Friday
- 9am-1pm – Preliminary round presentations and special award judging
- 1-1:50pm – Walk-around, model viewing (and people's choice voting)
- 2-4pm – Final round presentations
- 4-5pm – Awards ceremony
- 5-5:30pm – Model move-out & clean out, final packets available for teachers

CONFLICTS ON SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY – It is not unusual for some of the teams to have conflicts on Saturday (testing or tryouts). I reserve the last few timeslots (from 12noon-1pm) for teams with conflicts. However, notify me ASAP to obtain a special pre-reserved time slot.

CLARIFICATION ON DEADLINE FOR ESSAY/NARRATIVE – the final date to upload the essay and narrative is Saturday, 10 January. Sorry for the confusion.

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