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FCC NTX Update - Details for 23 January

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Attached is information on the rules and procedures for the **competition event on 22-23 January**. I've also updated the "Day-of Info" page on the website (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html). [And, yes, I messed up on the email earlier this week ... the date of the competition is 23 January, not 31 January (that was last year)].

Before we get to the day-of details ...

PLEASE FINALIZE YOUR TEAM INFORMATION in the Team Center. We will need the correct names for all team members by 13 January to create the program, badges, certificates, etc. Please take a few minutes to review and update the information. Note – the "additional student" area is for listing all the students that worked on the project. We will create certificates of accomplishment for all students you list.

Jill Freer will be contacting you shortly to confirm the teams that will be presenting at UTA. We need this information no later than 13 January to finalize the schedule and facilities.

CHECK-IN IS 22 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, 23 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

(<http://uta.campusdish.com/Locations/ConnectionCafe.aspx>) for all team members. We will have tickets in the Educator'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, 22 January

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

Saturday, 23 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, 23 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.

AWARDS CEREMONY – immediately follows the competition at 4pm. We pass out 25-30 awards, including special awards and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Even if your team does not make the finals, there is a good chance to win one of the special awards. These awards are provided by sponsoring organizations and **we ask, out of respect for these sponsors** (and the work their volunteer-judges have done), **that teams/schools attend the awards ceremony.**

CHECK-OUT BEFORE LEAVING – all teams should check out at the desk in the atrium before leaving UTA. At that time you will receive your team photos and certificates, as well as any comments the judges may have had about your model and presentation. Please note: if you leave before the awards ceremony, we will give the award sponsors the opportunity to select a second team should the departing team be on the list to receive an award.

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