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FC NTX UPDATE: ORIENTATION, WEBINARS, SIMCITY DELIVERABLE

FC Teams:

We're nearing the end of the registration period and it has been a very successful one for North Texas. We need 20 registrations to qualify to send our winner to the national competition and we have more than double that. For a list of schools/groups registered, go to www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sch.html.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

1. Overview session – Wednesday, 23 October, 5pm. The session will be a webcast using Google Hangouts. I'll send out details early next week or check the FC-NTX Google+ page. (I have a link to the page from the website: www.dfwfuturecity.org).
2. Essay topic – we have a speaker working on this and will update you with the schedule when we have it finalized. Probably late Oct or early Nov.
3. We are hoping to have a session on presentation skills later in the year. Details to come.
4. The session on model building, recorded a couple of years ago is still available on the website: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html. Look under the orientation and training section.

National FC is also providing training webinars this year. You should be receiving information about them – if not, let me know and I'll forward the messages. Or, you can check their website: www.futurecity.org – under the resources section. They recently recorded a very good session on the essay topic.

SIMCITY

You should have all received your download codes for SimCity. That process is being handled out of national HQ. If you have any questions or need additional copies (limited supply available), contact Bill Knight bknight@futurecity.org.

FC National is also hosting a webinar on the new SimCity on Tues, 22 Oct at 3:30pm. See attached.

For info on SimCity 4, please check our tutorial from last year (see #4 above) and the SimCity tips handout, also online.

FIRST DELIVERABLE

The Virtual City (SimCity) deliverable is due on 22 November. This is the initial dues date – late submissions will be accepted through 20 December (with 5-10 points deducted). A complete schedule is available at: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html.

TEAM CENTER – YOUR FIRST STOP FOR INFO

Please become familiar with the NTX Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html). I try to keep it updated with all the information you need: schedule, resources, copies of all emails (like this one), list of groups registered, rules, etc.).

ALSO NOTE: the login from the Team Center tends to work better than the one through the national website. If you are using the national page as your entry and having troubles, switch to the Team Center and try again. If that doesn't work, you can, as always, contact me or our judging coordinator at judging@dfwfuturecity.org.

Good luck all!

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