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NTX FCC Update: Registration last call, Orientation/Training sessions posted

All:

REGISTRATION – LAST CALL: We have about 10 days left to register schools for this year's Future City Competition. Let your colleagues know and tell them to sign up now!

ORIENTATION & TRAINING: The presentation materials and recordings of the orientation and training sessions have been posted online at www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html.

SIMCITY SOFTWARE: PC users should have received their download codes from FC National. If you need extra copies, please contact Bill Knight (bknight@futurecity.org). MAC users should have received CDs from me. No extra copies of the MAC software are available. **IF ANYONE HAS NOT RECEIVED THE SIMCITY**, contact me immediately.

TEACHERS & MENTORS – ENROLL IN THE TEAM CENTER

(www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html): The Team Center is open for Teacher and Mentor enrollment. This is where you will record you teams and upload their files.

NEW USERS: "Enroll." I will have to approve your enrollment, so don't wait until the last minute before your deliverables are due.

RETURNING USERS: "Reactivate" your account. This will get you access with your old username and password (or give you the chance to reset them if you don't remember from last year).

FIRST STEP: CITY PLANNING. Before you start in with the SimCity program, take some time to think about your city. Where will it be located? Geography, climate, terrain. How will the theme (essay topic-managing stormwater runoff) fit into your city plan? Think about city services. Have a plan for transportation (roads, highways, public transportation systems). After you have an idea of what kind of city you want, start the SimCity and build your virtual city.

LOOK FOR TIPS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE: I will start posting tips 1-2 times weekly on the Facebook page (link from the website: www.dfwfuturecity.org). Check it out periodically. Look for "TOD" (Tip-of-the-Day).

Good Luck

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