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NTX FCC Update: SimCity deadline and resources

All:

TEAM CENTER – ENROLL NOW

Teachers/Coaches – if you haven't already, please take a few minutes to enroll in the Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html). This is where you will be uploading files for SimCity, Essay and Narrative. New users – click on "enroll." Previous users can "reactivate" their profiles from prior years.

Mentors – can also enroll and upload files.

SIMCITY DEADLINE – 21 NOVEMBER

Deadline for the submission of the SimCity file is 21 November. Upload through the Team Center.

LATE SUBMISSIONS ALLOWED through 19 December (with 5-10 penalty point deduction). If working on your city for a few additional days will increase your scores more than 5-10 points, you should consider the late submission.

150 YEARS, 50,000 POPULATION are rubric targets, not requirements. The rubric is based on a mature city (one that has achieved significant growth). The age and population are just one measure. The maturity will also show in other areas, such as transportation systems, energy production, and high-wealth development. The more mature your city, the better your score potential. But, that doesn't mean you can't submit your city anyway.

COMPLETE NTX SCHEDULE www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html.

SIMCITY QUESTIONS – CHECK THE RESOURCES ONLINE

Take a minute to check out the tips and resources online for SimCity:

www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html. You will find information on how to backup your city, transfer files between computers, and change a city name. Also links on where to go for more information, the FCC SimCity Learning Block, and a handout on tips for playing the game.

REMEMBER – NO SIMCITY CHEAT CODES ALLOWED

There are several published cheat codes for SimCity – none of them are allowed in Future City (except for one – see below). By and large, the cheat codes will not increase the score and our judges do know how to recognize cities that have benefited from cheats. DON'T USE THEM.

The only cheat code allowed is the one for changing the name of the city. See the resources for details on how to change the name.

40 GROUPS HAVE REGISTERED FOR FCC-NTX

We have 40 groups (schools and youth organizations) registered for the 2012-13 Future City Competition – North Texas. You can see a list of the registered groups at:

www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sch.html. Twenty registrations are the minimum required to qualify the region (so that our winning team will advance to the national competition). So we are well over our minimum.

Good luck to everyone. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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