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FCC Jr Update - Getting started: Teams, Mentors and Training Webinars

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Getting started on our 2019 project ....

**NORTH TEXAS REGION INFORMATION**

Bookmark out regional site: [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html). This is where you will find all of the Junior Competition data like schedule, rules, rubrics, and resources.

PLEASE NOTE: I have updated the link for the Essay Rules and Rubric. If you have already downloaded this file, please be sure you have the 2019-20 topic: Tap Into Tomorrow (and not the power topic from last year).

**LET ME INTRODUCE...**

Eric Robinson has joined our coordinating team to assist with the Junior Competition. Eric is a former educator-sponsor of a Future City team. You should be receiving an email from him shortly about your engineer-mentors.

**TEAM BUILDING AND MENTORS**

As you enlist your volunteer engineer mentor help, please have them enroll in the online Team Center system. Go to [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) and register. Mentors will then be able to upload files and manage teams.

If you are having trouble finding mentors, we have some suggestions online – see the Team Center Resources page ([http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrg.html#menfind](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrg.html#menfind)). You will also find tips and advice on how to be a mentor. And, finally, if you cannot find a mentor, please contact Eric Robinson or Tom Hunt (tom8hunt@yahoo.com), our mentor coordinator. We will reach out to our networks for volunteers.

There are teambuilding exercises and tips (team building, brainstorming and conflict resolution) on the national website ([http://futurecity.org](http://futurecity.org) - resources page, filter for activities and background info).

**WEBINARS**

I will be recording our Junior Competition Orientation Webinar this week and uploading it to our YouTube channel. Look for a link on the Junior Team Center page ([www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html)).

National also has webinars that you might want to view. Note: these are designed for the middle-school competition, but information and advice will be useful for your efforts. Go to [http://futurecity.org](http://futurecity.org) – resources page and filter for webinars.

- 2019 Best Practices and Advice
- Essay Topic: Tap into Tomorrow – TBA
- 2019 Eye on Engineering – TBA
TURNING AIR INTO DRINKING WATER

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems. GOOD LUCK with all your efforts.

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