

Future City Junior

Rules & Procedures

Check-in

- **CHECK-IN IS SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY** from 7:30-8:30am in the basement of Nedderman Hall at the University of Texas at Arlington. Drivers, not leaving their vehicle, may stop briefly in the lot at the North end of the building to off-load models (access off UTA Blvd, just East of Cooper). Vehicles should be moved immediately after unloading. See instructions at www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html.
- **VEHICLES PARKING** on Saturday must pre-register to avoid ticketing. See instructions: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html.
- **AT CHECK-IN, YOU WILL RECEIVE A PACKET OF INFO** and a table assignment for the model display and judging. The information packet will include a copy of these rules, badges for the team members, chits for t-shirts and ballots for the People's Choice award.
- **SET UP YOUR MODEL** in your assigned spot. Your model should be ready when you check-in. You have until 8:45am to get your model ready for judging. Make sure everything works before the judging starts. Note: UTA facilities/resources are not available for last-minute changes, copies, print-outs, etc. Bring your own tape, glue, staples, etc. for model repairs (no glue guns, please).
- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK:** Bring with you and keep with model: CITY MODEL EXPENSE FORM and MODEL ID CARD (forms available online at www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html)

Model Judging

- **TWO SESSIONS OF MODEL JUDGING.** The first will start at 9am, the second at 9:45am. Teams will be assigned to one of these sessions. All student team members (max 3) should be standing with their models for their assigned judging period. Judges will rotate among the teams, spending about 5 minutes talking to each. Students should be prepared to answer questions about their design and briefly explain their solution to the clean water problem. No formal presentations.
- **TEAM MEMBERS ONLY ALLOWED IN THE AREA** during the judging period. Because of space constraints, family and friends will not be allowed in the room. Team members = 3 student-presenters, the educator and the mentor. One additional adult is permitted to attend with the consent of the educator.
- **STUDENTS ONLY ANSWERING QUESTIONS, TALKING TO JUDGES.** Educators, adults may stand along the walls away from the teams/models and observe quietly.
- **TEAMS NOT BEING JUDGED WILL BE SEQUESTERED** in a separate area. Please make sure that a responsible adult is with these students during this period.

Other Activities

- **PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST MODEL** – You will receive ballots at check-in. Everyone should take the opportunity to view the models and vote on your choice for best overall model. Return your ballots to the box at the check-in desk.
- **TEAM PICTURES.** We will be taking team pictures in the morning as you set up your models. Please allow photographers a few minutes and have all team members assembled.
- **STUDENT/TEAM RELAXATION AREA IS IN THE ATRIUM** – There will be table and chairs available. Since this is the open, common area, please keep things as neat as possible. We have a few games and decks of cards available (on loan-out) at the Future City Shop. And, we will also have activities and displays to engage students during their free time.
- **WHILE YOU ARE NOT PRESENTING** you should feel free to congregate in the atrium. **Please do not:**
 - *Go above the second floor,*
 - *Move office furniture (no chair races in the halls)*
 - *Tie up the elevators.*
- **WE HAVE GIFTS** – t-shirts and other goodies for each student team member and “thank you” gifts for the educators and mentors.

Awards

- **ALL TEAMS SHOULD STAY FOR THE AWARDS.** Future City Competition Junior will provide prizes for Best Essay, Best Model, and Best Overall Junior Team. Prizes will consist of a cash award, gift cards for the students and a plaque/certificate. We are also planning for several special awards. When we call out the team's name, all members: students and educator should come forward to receive the awards. After receiving your awards, please return to your seats.

Before You Leave

- **ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THEIR MODEL** following the Awards Ceremony. Don't forget to pick up anything you might have left in the atrium.
- **CERTIFICATES AND TEAM PHOTOS** will be available in FC office following the Awards Ceremony. Educators should stop by to pick up their packets. Team scores will be available through the Team Center the day after the competition.

Other Rules

- Any conflicts will be resolved locally. There is no appeal.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable.