

Future City Team Teachers and Engineers:

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1. Pizza Orders

All teams will receive one Pizza Hut New Yorker large pizza for your team and 5 drinks. Extra pizza orders must be in by tomorrow, Thursday, noon to Randi Boyd at (260)481-4145 or boydrs@ipfw.edu

2. General Schedule: See attached new schedule with your city names inserted. We have placed closer schools first in case there are weather problems for those traveling from far away. We have also placed schools with multiple teams in different time spots so that the teacher and engineer can see all of their teams. **PLEASE NOTE: YOUR SCHEDULED TIME MIGHT BE MOVED UP IF ANY TEAMS DROP OUT. MAKE SURE TO NOTIFY PARENTS OR OBSERVERS ABOUT THIS SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE SCHEDULE IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

3. See Table Assignments attached: we have put teams in a location based on two criteria including presentation room and putting teams from the same school near one another.

4. See Special Award List for 2008: HINT: Please tell your teams that the judges rotating from table to table in the morning between 9:00 and 11:00 will be judging these categories. They do not have time to hear the 5 minute presentation that you prepared for the preliminary judges. They will only be looking at the specific criteria for their award category. Make certain your team(s) read the award criteria so they feel prepared to show/explain something about their city that might apply.

5. Weather Conditions: As of right now, according to the National Weather Service for Northern Indiana (see below text from their website) the weather is supposed to be very cold and a chance of snow showers for Friday and Saturday. There are no storm warnings or serious weather advisories currently expected for Friday and Saturday. As a result, we have no plans of having to cancel the event. We would only cancel under extreme weather conditions since moving to a snow date involves moving the location of the event as well as trying to find judges/volunteers/teams willing to come the next weekend (when weather might also be an issue). We know you will all do what is best for your students according to the travel conditions in your area and the guidelines of your school. Any unexpected changes in the situation that would require a delay or cancellation would be recorded on my office voicemail at: (260) 481-6905.

*National Weather Service for Northern Indiana:
FRIDAY...CLOUDY. CHANCE OF LIGHT SNOW IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE
OF SNOW SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS IN THE MID 20S. WEST WINDS
10 TO 15 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 50 PERCENT. WIND CHILLS
1 BELOW TO 9 ABOVE ZERO.
.FRIDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS.
LOWS 5 TO 10 ABOVE.
.SATURDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT...SNOW SHOWERS LIKELY. WINDY. HIGHS
10 TO 15. LOWS 5 TO 10 ABOVE. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 60 PERCENT.*

6. See attached document on hints for a better presentation. Remember the presentation of your city (not just what is seen but also your team's ideas of the parts of the city that are not seen) plus the model itself account for 120 pts (model) and 90 pts (presentation). These scores will be added to your Simcity, essay, and abstract scores to determine if a team from your school will advance into the finals in the afternoon.

7. Reminders for Saturday:

- Expense Form with any receipts attached: page A-45 of Handbook: Note that you cannot exceed \$100 on anything used for the model, visual aids, presentation
- Media release and consent forms that were sent in the mail completed for each student and signed by parent unless parents do not want their child in any pictures. **DO NOT USE THE MEDIA FORM FROM THE HANDBOOK FOR THE REGIONAL EVENT**
- Model ID card: see page A-11 for what needs to be on this card which should be placed on your model at the display
- Measure, Measure, Measure!! We will measure your model and visual aids for the proper sizes. It is better to be under than over as there is no deduction for under but we strictly adhere to National Future City rules for size maximums

- Moving part on model: make sure the moving part works, is durable, and relates to the city. It must be contained in the model, including whatever is making it move.
- Judge Questions: An important part of the presentation is how your team works together in answering their questions which will last for 3 min. after the presentation. Make sure everyone takes part and tell them if they don't know the answer that it is ok to admit that to the judges. See the sample questions A-63

The Indiana Regional Future City Committee wishes you all safe travels and the best of luck for this coming weekend!