

MY FUTURE CITY STUDENT PLANNER

September 2026 through Competition Day | January 23, 2027

THIS YEAR'S MISSION Design a future city that prevents urban wildfires, protects people and city systems, and recovers quickly after a fire.

This Planner Belongs To

Student Name	
Team / City Name	
School / Organization	

Your Season Quest

1 RESEARCH	2 ESSAY	3 MODEL	4 PRESENT	5 COMPETE!
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Big Milestones

NOV 6	DEC 4	JAN 23	JAN 23
Plan Part 1 Set Goals	City Essay + Plan Part 2	Model + Presentation Q&A + Expenses	Plan Parts 3 & 4 Competition Day!

HOW TO USE THIS PLANNER

Small weekly wins lead to a competition-ready city

Every Week, Do These Four Things

1. CHECK IN Look at the calendar and choose this week's mission.	2. CREATE Research, write, build, or practice.	3. CONNECT Make sure the essay, model, and presentation tell the same story.	4. COMMIT Write down who will do each next step.
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Team Scoreboard

MISSION	NOT STARTED	IN PROGRESS	DONE!
Pick and explain our city	☐	☐	☐
Choose prevention/protection/recovery ideas	☐	☐	☐
Submit the City Essay	☐	☐	☐
Build and test the model	☐	☐	☐
Practice Presentation & Q&A	☐	☐	☐

Awesome Teammate Habits

- ☐ Listen to every idea before choosing.
- ☐ Ask “How does it work?” and “Why does it help?”
- ☐ Use facts from trustworthy research.
- ☐ Be ready to explain the whole city, not just one job.
- ☐ Record progress, problems, decisions, and expenses every week.

REMEMBER The best city is not the one with the most ideas. It is the one whose ideas work together and are easy to explain.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Weekly missions for Fire Resilient Future

■ THEME ■ ESSAY ■ PLAN ■ MODEL ■ PRESENT ■ DUE DATE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
	TEAM HUDDLE At the end of each week: What did we finish? What is next? What could slow us down? Who owns each next step?					

KICKOFF

- ☐ Learn the challenge
- ☐ Choose team roles

GOAL: Team ready

PICK OUR CITY

- ☐ Location + climate
- ☐ Population + terrain

GOAL: City concept

DEFINE THE RISK

- ☐ Who is at risk?
- ☐ What could fail?

GOAL: Problem statement

OCTOBER 2026

Weekly missions for Fire Resilient Future

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 ● PREVENTION □ Stop fires starting □ Detect fires early GOAL: Top ideas	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ♡ PROTECTION □ Protect people □ Protect city systems GOAL: Top ideas	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 🔧 RECOVERY □ Rebuild quickly □ Help people + nature GOAL: Top ideas	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 ★ CHOOSE SOLUTIONS □ Compare ideas □ Pick final P/P/R GOAL: Concept package	27	28	29	30	31
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NOVEMBER 2026

Weekly missions for Fire Resilient Future

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ■ SET GOALS ☐ Roles + resources ☐ Risks + success goals GOAL: Plan Part 1	3	4	5	6 DUE: PLAN PART 1 ☐ Submit Set Goals GOAL: Submitted!	7
8	9 ✎ ESSAY: CITY ☐ Describe daily life ☐ Explain systems GOAL: First sections	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 ✎ ESSAY: THEME ☐ Explain P/P/R ☐ Add engineering GOAL: First draft	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 💬 REVISE ESSAY ☐ Citations + graphics ☐ Risks + trade-offs GOAL: Revised draft	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 ✓ FINAL ESSAY ☐ Rubric check ☐ Word count + polish GOAL: Ready to submit					
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DECEMBER 2026

Weekly missions for Fire Resilient Future

■ THEME ■ ESSAY ■ PLAN ■ MODEL ■ PRESENT ■ DUE DATE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
					DUE: ESSAY + PLAN 2 ☐ Submit essay ☐ Submit schedule GOAL: Submitted!	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	 DESIGN MODEL ☐ Scale + blueprint ☐ Open expense log GOAL: Build plan					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	 BUILD FRAMEWORK ☐ Base + terrain ☐ Roads + utilities GOAL: City framework					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	 BUILD SYSTEMS ☐ Add P/P/R features ☐ Track every cost GOAL: Major systems					
27	28	29	30	31		
	 MOVING PART ☐ Build + test ☐ Explain its job GOAL: Working part					
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JANUARY 2027

Weekly missions for Fire Resilient Future

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 FINISH MODEL □ Details + labels □ ID card + repairs GOAL: Near-final model	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 PRESENT + Q&A □ 7-minute practice □ Top 25 questions GOAL: Competition ready	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 FINAL AUDIT □ Plans 3 + 4 □ Expenses + packing GOAL: Everything ready	19	20	21	22	23 COMPETITION DAY □ Present proudly □ Use model evidence GOAL: Celebrate!
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
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FINAL COUNTDOWN

January 18-23, 2027

		TEAM CHALLENGE Your goal is not to add more. Your goal is to make everything clear, tested, complete, and easy to explain.	
CITY MODEL ☐ Fits size limits ☐ Scale is correct ☐ Moving part works ☐ P/P/R features are visible ☐ ID card attached ☐ Safe to carry		PRESENTATION & Q&A ☐ 7 minutes or less ☐ All 3 presenters share time ☐ Every presenter knows the whole city ☐ Model is used in answers ☐ Practice includes tough questions	
PROJECT PLAN & EXPENSES ☐ Check-in recorded ☐ Reflection completed ☐ Every material listed ☐ Receipts collected ☐ Total is within budget		PACKING ☐ Emergency repair kit ☐ Presentation aids ☐ Required forms ☐ Model transport plan ☐ Water + team supplies	

My Competition-Day Promise

I will support my teammates, explain our ideas clearly, learn from the judges, and be proud of what we created.

Student Signature	Date