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Practice Makes Perfect

1st Place Winning Team for Arizona Region Prepares for National Competition Plans to meet/rehearse with Intel Engineers

Phoenix, AZ: Following an exceptional presentation at the Future City Competition Arizona Region on Saturday, January 28, 2012, most folks would think that team members Cambrie Hickman, Rachel Fisher, and Timothy Graunke would consider taking a week off. Not so for these seventh and eighth graders from the Veritas Homeschoolers Support Group. Perhaps one of the lessons learned from participating in the Arizona Region competition is that time management is a critical skill that must be included in their preparation strategy.

Team members will be meeting with a group of engineers at Intel on Thursday, February 2, 2012, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Most likely their thinking, and that of fellow student Jesse Friedman who served as project manager for this team, is to get some fresh perspectives from members of the technical community who are not familiar with their project. It is also another opportunity to have a "dress rehearsal" for the upcoming national competition. The meeting should generate new questions and ideas that team members can use to continue preparing for the national competition in Washington, DC, February 18 – 22, 2012.

A number of Intel employees served as engineer mentors or in other volunteer positions for this year's Arizona Region competition. One of those engineers, Matt Graunke - father of team member Timothy Graunke, assisted the students in developing their research methodology for alternative energy sources for the competition.

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About the Future City Competition: The Future City Competition is a national program sponsored by the engineering community to promote technological literacy and engineering to middle school students. The program fosters an interest in math, science, and engineering through hands-on, real world applications. The competition is open to all public, private and parochial schools. The National Finals of the Future City Competition are a featured event during National Engineers Week with students from across the country competing in Washington, D.C. for awards and prizes. The Future City Competition offers students a fun way to learn about engineering and cities of the future.