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Young Engineers Prepare for Future City Competition

Eight teams from five Stanislaus County schools and one Stanislaus County organization will participate in the Stanislaus County Future City Practice Competition on **Saturday, January 17, 2015** from **10:00AM – 2:00PM** at the **Stanislaus County Office of Education,** 1100 H Street, Modesto. The final round of the competition is **open to the public** and begins **at 12:15 pm**. This event is designed to help prepare Stanislaus County students for this year's Northern California Regional State Finals Future City Competition on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at CSU, Stanislaus in Turlock. The winner of the Regional State Finals will advance to the National Finals in Washington, D.C. in February.

Sponsored by the Stanislaus County Office of Education and supported by the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County and Mercer Foods, the Future City Competition is a national, project-based learning experience where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Students work as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity™ software; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; and present their ideas before judges.

Last year, Modesto Girl Scout Troop #2225 placed first at the Northern California Regional State Finals and went on to the National Competition in Washington D.C. The following schools and clubs are slated to participate this year: Cardozo, Gratton, HiMAP (STEM Club), La Loma, St. Stanislaus & Turlock.

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