



## Getting Ready for SDC 2009

We know you've already spent loads of effort preparing your reports – we've seen them, and the judges are impressed. Before you arrive to show off your hard work, there are still a few things left to do.

### **Getting Ready for Your Presentation.**

While it's a mere 15 minutes, your presentation is still a major part of your overall score. Don't worry about your presentation being too short; you can use your remaining time to accept questions from judges and the audience. If you think you might go overtime, see if you can't shave off a few minutes... judges never like being behind schedule!

On Friday evening (the 15th), we've scheduled some "work time" you can use to rehearse your presentation, and touch-up your delivery. You might even want to find some fellow competitors to critique your run through, and help you settle your nerves.

How you approach your presentation is entirely up to you. You can use as many or as few group members as you wish. We recommend you use all members in the team. You can cover whatever elements of your design you think are relevant. You should target your presentation toward prospective investors who may not necessarily be scientists or technically-inclined individuals, but who have experience working with the space industry.

A few final notes: the dress code for Saturday will be business casual, and in terms of A/V equipment, we'll be providing a digital projector. You'll need to provide the laptop.

## **Getting Ready for the Display Fair.**

You might have been wondering what you'll be doing during all the other 15-minute presentations people will be giving. Lucky for you, we're running a Display Fair throughout the day, where your group can set up a small display featuring your design. We will be inviting other University of Toronto students and faculty to spend time browsing the displays on Saturday to increase your exposure to our academic community.

The display you create to promote your design will also be included in the judges' final score.

As in your presentation, include whatever you feel is important in your display. Images may be particularly useful in helping the public to understand your design. We encourage your group to attend others' presentations, but keep at least one member at your display to answer questions from the public.

## **Getting Ready for Residence.**

Three nights isn't a particularly long time to be away, and you don't want to be hauling all sorts of extra stuff to residence - we suggest just bringing the essentials:

- Hygiene kit - toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- Shower kit - towel, shampoo, soap and deodorant!
- "Business casual" clothing for Saturday
- Comfortable clothes for in-residence wear
- A light jacket for evening activities
- Your Ontario Provincial Health Card or equivalent proof of health insurance
- Your team's display for the Display Fair
- A cell-phone, if you have one
- A laptop computer, if you have one and plan to use it for your presentation.

*Note: Residence rooms are equipped with an Internet connection; you'll need to bring an Ethernet cable if you wish to connect.*

## **Getting Ready for a Good Time.**

Everyone here at UTSDC will be cheering for you on Saturday. Your designs are both creative and well researched - take some time to appreciate other people's approaches to the problem and share ideas. It's not often you get the opportunity to hang out with like-minded people at a great place like the University of Toronto.

And we're pretty sure it's not just the participants you'll find interesting. Our executive, the residence dons, and our volunteers represent a brilliant and diverse group. You might be surprised by the array of interests and expertise of those who surround you. Go ahead and ask us about our area of study, student life in Toronto, or how to program a Motorola 68k to play O Canada on two hours of sleep... Now that's a good time!

**GET READY FOR AN AWESOME TIME!**