

COMPUTER SIMULATION

Contest Description:	Team work together to design a city using Sim City 4 Deluxe software. Cities will be scored of various aspects such as finance, rating polls and quality of inhabitants. Contestants will develop the following life skills: problem solving, civic duty, construction management, landscaping management, finance, team building, and presentation skills
Superintendent(s):	Andrew Garcia
Award:	Louisiana 4-H Educational Trip
Grade/Age Requirement(s):	Must be enrolled in 8 th to 12 th Grade as of August 1, 2021.
Team or Individual Contest:	Team of two (2)
Number of Entries Per Parish:	Two (2) Entries

Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines.
2. Teams will begin the game with the same landscaping and conditions. During the competition, each team will pick the same “square” in the Region assigned by the Contest Superintendent.
3. As soon as the game starts, all teams will immediately pause the game to prepare their city before playing in real time.
4. Teams will have 15 minutes of “Paused” time to “Incorporate” their city.
5. During the 15 minutes of pause:
 - a. Teams will go to the Play Options and set the Auto Go to Disaster Off.
 - b. Teams will not be allowed to use the God Mode.
 - c. Teams will begin Mayor Mode.
 - d. Teams will name their city (based on the parish they are from) and mayor.
 - e. Teams will set difficulty setting to EASY and the “Establish City”.
 - f. Teams are encouraged to prepare their city using these tools (remember money is being spent during this session):
 - i. Landscaping Tools
 - ii. Zone Tools
 - iii. Transportation Tools
 - iv. Utility Tools
 - v. Civic Tools
6. After the 15 minutes of pause time teams will have 1 hour and 30 minutes to build their city in real
7. Teams will not be allowed to pause the game during the 1 hour and 30 minutes of play.
8. Teams will be required to add five (5) 4-H related items to their city to obtain points, these items are listed on the overall scoresheet. Teams should explain to the judges as they add items to their cities.
9. Teams will not be allowed to take out loans; this will be checked when scoring the contest.
10. After playing time is up, teams will have 10 minutes to consult and prepare their city for presentation.
11. During the presentation:
 - a. Both team members must participate in public speaking.
 - b. Students may bring note cards to assist with their presentation.
 - c. Presentations should be a minimum of 4 minutes and maximum of 7 minutes and allow for 1 minute of question-and-answer time with the judges.
 - d. Presentations will be presented in front of judges and other contestants.
 - e. Teams will be judge on teamwork, content, presentation skills and results.
 - f. During presentations it is suggested that team members take the judges on a tour of the city, explaining strategies used while designing their city. Team members could present to the judges: special landmarks, buildings, and feature that make up their city. It is encouraged to show the judges the city’s budget and mayor ratings.

12. Participants will not be able to use the internet, notes, or cheat codes during the game.
13. After the first 15 minutes, students will not be allowed to pause the game.

Other Information:

Featuring SimCity 4 Deluxe by Electronic Arts

Software Note: SimCity 4 Deluxe Edition is available for purchase as a digital download through online retailers and software distribution channels. It is available DRM-free on GoG.com, or with DRM on Steam and Origin. You are advised to purchase a digital copy of the game from one of these services, as older disc-based boxed copies of the game use a DRM scheme that is not compatible with any current version of Windows or MacOS. The DRM-free version of the game is recommended, as it can be installed on as many machines as you like without worrying about licensing or cd-keys.

Contest Resource(s):

- Louisiana 4-H Computer Simulation Scoresheets, 2022