



July 2016

Dear Solar Car Team Host:

This July 19-21, 2016, Manhattan has the unique opportunity to host the 2016 Solar Car Challenge Race. This high school educational program is designed to help motivate students in Science, Engineering and Alternative Energy. The race begins on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Motor Speedway in Ft. Worth, TX, overnights in The Little Apple<sup>®</sup>, and crosses the finish line on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Minneapolis, MN. These high school students from across the United States, plan, design, engineer, build, race and evaluate their roadworthy solar cars.

We will have 23 teams pulling into town from Texas, Colorado, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Michigan, California, New York, and Florida. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express as their cars soak up the sun in the Blue Earth Plaza. This will allow participants to enjoy Manhattan's newest park, The Blue Earth Park, the Flint Hills Discovery Center, and our recently remodeled downtown.

We appreciate your willingness to be a team host for this special event. Your responsibilities:

- Greet cars as they arrive at the Blue Earth Plaza, Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 4-6 p.m.
- Offer to do their laundry! (This will be greatly appreciated – long days on the road!)
- Identify team's needs – repairs might be needed
- If cars need to be worked on – Westar is providing their lot off of Seth Childs Blvd. As team host – you might be asked to guide them to this site.
- Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Mayor Usha Reddi will provide welcome to cars at 8:30 a.m.
- Come and go on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Cars will be on display from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Join us for a BBQ, hosted by Westar Energy. Dinner will be served from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Manhattan's Train Depot.

Thanks for being a part of this fun, educational event. To read more about this program go to [www.solarcarchallenge.org](http://www.solarcarchallenge.org). As questions arise – please do not hesitate to ask us at Visit Manhattan!

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