2011 Cyber Quests and Cyber Camps

What is the April Cyber Quest Competition?

The April Cyber Quest is the second in the Quests series and features a fun and challenging online competition that tests students' abilities to identify vulnerabilities in a virtual network and answer questions related to their findings. The April Cyber Quest competition serves as the qualifier for students to be invited to attend one of several Cyber Camps being offered across the country this summer.

Who Can Participate in the April Cyber Quest?

The April Cyber Quest is open to all U.S. individuals who are 18 years and older. The April Quest is designed for an intermediate skill level.

How Can Participants Register for Cyber Quests?

Registration is available April 1- April 30, 2011 at www.uscyberchallenge.org. The competition will then be available to registrants from April 18, 2011 until May 1, 2011. Participants will have 24 hours from the time they begin the quiz to complete it. Winners will be determined based on who achieves the highest score in the shortest amount of time.

What are Cyber Camps?

The Cyber Camps provide onsite trainings being offered at several locations across the country this summer. The camps will feature one week of specialized sessions by college faculty, SANS Institute senior instructors and cyber security experts, a job fair, and a "capture the flag" competition and awards ceremony on the last day.

Where and When will the Cyber Camps Take Place -- Who May Attend?

Competitors must be 18 years or older and reside in the participating state or be attending school in the state as follows:

California: July 11 – July 15
Overnight camp with 30 participants; open to eligible participants from CA, AZ, NV, OR

Missouri: July 25 – July 29
Overnight camp with 100 participants; Regional Camp – open to eligible participants from all states west of the Mississippi (except those attending the California Camp)

Virginia: August 1 – 5
Overnight camp with 100 participants; Regional Camp – open to eligible participants from all states east of the Mississippi (except Delaware)

Delaware: August 8 - August 12
Daytime camp with 30 participants; open to eligible participants from Delaware

What Need is Being Addressed by the Cyber Quests and Cyber Camps?

The need for skilled cyber security practitioners, researchers and mentors has never been more critical, as the volume and complexity of cyber attacks, vulnerabilities and online scams continue to escalate. President Obama has identified the cyber threat as one of the most serious challenges facing the nation. Industry experts agree on the importance of recruiting and retaining individuals capable of stopping threats to our information systems and overall digital infrastructure.

The Cyber Quests online contests and subsequent Cyber Camps provide crucial skills development and enable us to tap into the tremendous talent across our nation to identify those with a passion for security and a desire to put their skills to good use in addressing our cyber security workforce challenges. In addition to providing expert training for participants to improve their skills and marketability, the Cyber Camps will provide attendees the opportunity to engage with major technology companies and government agencies at onsite job fairs for scholarship, internship and employment opportunities.

Who Coordinates the Cyber Quests and Cyber Camps?

They are coordinated by the Center for Internet Security through the U.S. Cyber Challenge Initiative.

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