



# THE CYBERSENTINEL

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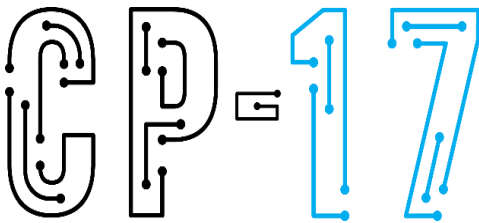
## AFA CyberCamps 2024

The first week of AFA CyberCamps kicked off on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with camps across the United States. This year there are approximately 322 registered camps reaching 4,000-7,000 students.

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF REGISTERED 2024 AFA CYBERCAMPS](#)



## CyberPatriot 17



Don't forget to register your team for CyberPatriot 17 – the 2024-2025 season of the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition!

**Register your team before July 1 to receive a 20% discount on registration fees. The final deadline to register a team is Tuesday October 2, 2024.**

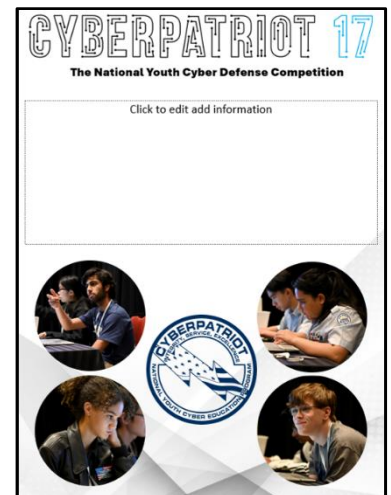
*Reminder: If you are a returning team, you must re-register for the new season. Registrations from previous seasons do NOT carry over.*

You can also promote the competition in your school or organization by downloading the CyberPatriot 17 promo flyer, which is available on the competition dashboard. Use the blank box on the flyer to fill in additional details about how students can get involved!

As of June 4<sup>th</sup>, almost 1,600 teams are registered for the competition. Registration will remain open through October 2<sup>nd</sup> for any team to join.

[REGISTER A CYBERPATRIOT TEAM TODAY!](#)

If you register now, your team will gain access to the summer exhibition round and early fall training rounds. Payment and competitor registration is not required to participate in the exhibition round, so you can sign up today risk-free!



## CP-17 Exhibition Round



CP-17 Exhibition Round is now available for all teams registered for CyberPatriot XVII. The Exhibition Round is designed for practice and recruiting competitors to your CyberPatriot teams. In this round, both the Windows 10 and Ubuntu 18 virtual image comes with an answer key at the bottom of the Read Me file. *Access to the image will now be available through August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*\*If you want some additional training, feel free to check out our [archived training materials](#) available on our website.*

## CyberPatriot Demo



Don't forget about the CyberPatriot Demo! This demo is a partial simulation of a CyberPatriot image, with a built-in tutorial. The Demo aims to introduce teachers, students, organizational leaders, and others to the CyberPatriot competition.

The small software package (50 MB) is designed as an informational and recruiting tool that can be used as a presentation or hands-on activity at an event, conference, meeting, or in the classroom (in-person or virtual).

To order the Demo download (free of charge), you must complete the [Demonstration Software Order Form](#). The Demo download and setup instructions are included in the Quick Start Guide, which can be accessed once the order form is submitted.

## FREE Cisco NetAcad Self-Paced Courses



Want to continue learning about cybersecurity outside of the CyberPatriot Competition? Check out Cisco Networking Academy's FREE self-paced courses. There is a wide selection of courses available for beginner and advanced students. Remember you can share these courses with friends and family too!

[Click here to see what is available!](#)

## CyberPatriot XVI Coach & Mentor of the Year Nominations

Do you know a coach or mentor that deserves recognition? Nominate them for the CyberPatriot XVI Coach or Mentor of the Year Award! ***Nominations will be accepted through Friday, June 7, 2024.***



[COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINATION](#)

[MENTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION](#)

## CyberPatriot Alumni Spotlight

Austin Eckman | CyberPatriot VII



### What are you up to now?

I founded inventr.io. We have a few different kits that bring people into the world of robotics and programming. So far, we've had over 70,000 students from all over the world start our training.

### How did participating in CyberPatriot influence your plans for your future?

Being a part of CyberPatriot just gave me a lot of confidence in myself and allowed me to believe in myself and know that I can handle even bigger challenges in life.

### What is the most valuable lesson you learned from CyberPatriot?

CyberPatriot taught me that the greatest things are never usually the easiest things to do. CyberPatriot also taught me it's more about showing up and trying your best, rather than where you place in events like that.

### What is your advice for the next generation of CyberPatriot?

If I could give advice to future CyberPatriot competitors, I would let them know to always give it your all but know it's also okay to fail. If you end up learning from what you got wrong, it's all worth it. Always believe in yourself and aim high!

**Fun Fact:** I am really into bio hacking. Once I have the money, that is a rabbit hole I would love to explore deeper.



**Do you want to be featured in an issue of the CyberSentinel?  
Complete the [survey](#) and your story could be in the spotlight!**

## CyberPatriot Highlights



Jacqueline Ramirez, from **Los Nietos Middle School**, was determined to keep her students involved and motivated after their time in the CyberPatriot competition had come to an end. Luckily for the team she had a few ideas.

First, their team mentor suggested having a "Linux Install Fest", Jacqueline noted, "My students really enjoyed installing Rocky Linux and configuring it. The activity was insightful not to mention a one of a kind rewarding experience." She also researched

outside activities or field trips that her students could attend.

During her search, Jacqueline found a Southern California Linux Conference, SCaLE 21x. "The students had so much fun and had a great time meeting people that work at Rocky Linux and Ubuntu."





Students from **Carl Albert Middle School** traveled to a local elementary school to present the ESCEI program slideshow and play some of the games provided by The CyberPatriot Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

These 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will move on to middle school next year and could have the opportunity to participate in CyberPatriot.



## CyberPatriot in the News

### [ASU Hosting Free Cybersecurity & Computer Coding Summer Camps](#)

SAN ANGELO, TX - Angelo State University's Department of Computer Science will host its annual CyberCamp at ASU and ASU Code Camp. These are both week-long summer camps for local and area junior high and high school students in June in the ASU Mathematics-Computer Science (MCS) Building

### [UTEP CS CyberPatriot Cyber Camp](#)

Students will receive 40 hours of FREE cybersecurity training from UTEP Cybersecurity students provided by the American Air Force (AFA) CyberPatriot Team. Each camp consists of two weeks. During the first week, students will learn beginner cybersecurity skills, and those who complete week one will transition to the second week to learn advanced skills.

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