The CyberSentinel

Commissioner’s Cache

This month’s special edition of The CyberSentinel is devoted to providing you an overview of what you can expect in this year’s CyberPatriot V. Based on your excellent feedback from CyberPatriot IV, we have made some significant changes to the competition. Our goal has been to improve the technical performance of the competition and to make the competition more challenging and fun. We think you will agree we are on the right track. And please note that September 8th will be a special day. Not only will we conduct a hands-on Sneak Preview of our new CyberPatriot Competition System (CCS) software, we will give you an opportunity to chat with the competition staff. Registered coaches and mentors will be receiving the details explaining how to participate in what we hope is a great online event. I hope you can attend. Oh, and have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Bernard K. Skoch
Commissioner
CyberPatriot Program

CyberPatriot V Coach and Mentor Registration is Open!

Go to: www.uscyberpatriot.org
- Coaches’ Online Meetings: Sept. 11 and 12, 2012
- Coaches’ registration ends Sept. 30, 2012
- Students must be entered into the team websites by Oct. 26, 2012
- Team registration payments are due Oct. 31, 2012
- September 8th—CyberPatriot Competition System Sneak Preview

CyberPatriot V Sneak Preview: September 8th

Test Drive Software, Chat with Staff

Who: All Registered CyberPatriot Teams, Coaches, and Mentors

What: Hands-On Sneak Preview of the CyberPatriot Competition System

Where: Online from home, school, etc.

When: Saturday, September 8, 2012
(12 noon - 3 pm EDT)
On Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 12 noon to 3 pm EDT, registered teams are invited to try out the CyberPatriot Competition System (CCS) individually or as a team.

For three hours, the CyberPatriot Program Office will open the CCS to all registered CyberPatriot teams. Each team member, including coaches and mentors, may have their own CCS software, known as an image, since the Sneak Preview is not a competition event. Images will use individual logins.

During the week of August 27, 2012, registered coaches and mentors will receive an e-mailed Participation Survey to confirm that they and their teams will test drive the CCS during the Sneak Preview. Coaches may forward the survey to their team members so that they may participate individually. Only those participants or teams that respond to the survey may participate in the Sneak Preview.

Participants are asked to complete the Post-Sneak Preview Survey, with their impressions of CCS.

On or before September 7, 2012, login credentials will be sent to the coaches and mentors who responded to the participation survey. Coaches and mentors may distribute the instructions to their teams. Additionally, the coaches and mentors will receive the post-Sneak Preview Survey.

At 11 am EDT, September 8, 2012, the program office will begin the Sneak Preview with an AdobeConnect chat session followed by a CyberPatriot Competition System training video. Since connections are limited to the session, coaches are asked to use only one connection per team. After a short break, the hands-on sneak preview will begin.

At 12 noon EDT, participants will be able to access the scoring engine to begin the CCS test drive. Participants should fill in the Post-Sneak Preview Survey while using the software and submit survey responses immediately after the test drive.

For more information, please contact your coach or the CyberPatriot Program Office at: info@uscyberpatriot.org

Program Office Bits

CyberPatriot V Competition Dates

Oct 1-12, 2012
Combined Practice Round
Nov 2-3, 2012
All Service Division Round 1
Nov 16-17, 2012
Open Division Round 1
Nov 30-Dec 1, 2012
All Service Division Round 2
Dec 7-8, 2012
Open Division Round 2
Dec 10 - (TBD)
CyberNEXS Practice Round*
Jan 11-12, 2013
Combined Semifinals Round 3*
Jan 18-19, 2013
Round 3 Back-up Date*
Feb 1-2, 2013
Combined Consolation Round 3.5
Mar 14-15, 2013
The National Finals Competition*

*Blue = CyberNEXS

Black= CCS

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The CyberPatriot competition consists of online rounds and The National Finals Competition, which is an in-person competition. The following is the laydown of CyberPatriot V online rounds of competition.

**Practice Round.** The online Practice Round provides teams 12 days to practice at their own pace with CCS. One server and one workstation image will be available for teams’ practice. Teams may run unlimited iterations of the images during the practice round.

**Qualification Rounds.** Rounds 1 and 2 are online qualification rounds. CCS is the competition system for the rounds. Advancement of teams to the Semifinals will be determined by a combination of division and region rankings, based on teams’ composite scores from Rounds 1 and 2. The rules for advancement to the Semifinals will be published after CyberPatriot registration is closed. Below are descriptions of the Qualification Rounds.

- **Round 1.** One image. Six hours to complete.
- **Round 2.** Two images. Six hours per image to complete.

**Semifinals Practice Round.** Teams advancing to the Semifinals will have one week to practice with CyberNEXS.

**Round 3: Semifinals.** The Semifinals competition system will be CyberNEXS. Digital forensics will be tested and scored. Image information will be provided at a later date. Other rounds’ scores will not be factored into the advancement of teams to The National Finals Competition, except in the case of a tie. Rules for advancement to The National Finals Competition will be published after the close of registration.

**Round 3.5: Consolation Round.** The Consolation Round competition system is CCS. Teams that competed in Round 3: Semifinals may not compete in the Consolation Round. The round is the final opportunity for teams not advanced to the Semifinals to compete. Consolation Round scores will be based solely on the round’s results.

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