

Air Force Association's CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program



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CyberPatriot for JROTC / CAP / USNSSC (All Service)

CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created to motivate students towards careers in cybersecurity and other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The program features the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition for high school and middle school students, Cyber Camps, and an Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative.

Become involved in CyberPatriot

The National Youth Cyber Defense Competition

The national youth cyber defense competition is a tournament structured event. Teams of 2-5 students are scored on how well they identify and secure known vulnerabilities on virtual machine images of operating systems.

All Service High School Division

- Teams of the same service are scored within their own category. The categories are: Air Force JROTC, Army JROTC, Navy JROTC, Marine Corps JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, and Sea Cadet Corps. Registration is free for all teams.
- After two online qualification rounds, scores are added together to determine team placement into one of three tiers for the State Round:
 - Platinum: Top 30% of each category
 - Gold: Middle 40% of each category
 - Silver: Remaining 30% of each category
- After the State Round, the top six teams in each of their categories, and the top six highest state round scores among the remaining teams, regardless of category, advance as Wild Cards
- The top two teams from each category and one Wild Card from the Platinum tier advance to the in-person National Finals Competition, held at National Harbor, Maryland. There, the 13 All Service finalist teams compete for first, second, and third place honors.
- Winners of the National Finals are awarded scholarships

- All registered competitors are eligible to apply for internship opportunities.
- The competition is not only fun and exciting, it also creates a career path for today's students, fostering continued education from high school through college and into the beginning of their careers.

Middle School Division:

- Teams of middle school aged cadets compete against all other middle school teams across the country, regardless of organization. Registration is \$195 for all non-Civil Air Patrol teams. CAP teams pay no fee.
- After two qualification rounds, the top 50 percent of teams advance to the Semifinals Round. From there, the top three teams advance to the National Finals Competition.

AFA CyberCamps (coming soon!)

CyberCamps emphasize fun, hands-on learning of cybersecurity principles that are relevant and applicable to everyday life.

- Students will learn the importance of cyber safety and how to protect their personal devices and information from outside threats.
- Designed for high school or middle school students, depending on host organization
- Program length and cost to be determined.

For more information or to register before the **October 10, 2014 deadline**, visit www.uscyberpatriot.org or call 877-885-5716

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