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CYBERPATRIOT

NATIONAL YOUTH CYBER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The CyberPatriot Volunteer Program

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What is CyberPatriot?

CyberPatriot is the premier national youth cyber education program designed to excite, educate, and motivate the next generation of cyber defenders critical to our nation's future security. The program features the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, a tournament-style competition in which high school and middle school students compete to defend a computer network against attack in a series of web-based competition rounds. The competition culminates at the National Finals in Washington, D.C. each spring.

What is a technical mentor?

A mentor is a cyber-knowledgeable individual who helps CyberPatriot coaches and teams prepare for the competition. Mentors:

- Serve as technical advisors and role models to CyberPatriot teams.
- Work with as many—or as few—teams as they choose.
- Work with teams in their area, or serve as “virtual mentors” working with teams entirely online.
- Work with teams as much or as little as they can. The mentor-team relationship is left to mentors and coaches to determine.

What skills do mentors need?

Mentors should enjoy working with high school and/or middle school students and should have a working knowledge of computers. A familiarity with operating systems and computer networks is needed, but mentors need not be cyber experts.

What is a team assistant?

A team assistant is any individual who wishes to help a CyberPatriot coach and team prepare for the competition, but who may not have the technical knowledge required to be a mentor.

How does this differ from a coach?

A coach is responsible for all aspects of a team's CyberPatriot activities and preparation, and must be part of the school or organization the team represents (e.g.—a teacher). A technical mentor is someone who helps a coach with technical aspects of CyberPatriot. Mentors need not be part of the school faculty or staff, and are often willing community members who are technically proficient and enjoy helping youth explore an exciting new technical field. A team assistant is someone who assists a coach with a team's CyberPatriot activities and preparation. Team assistants need not be part of the school or faculty staff, not do they need to be technically proficient.

How can I become a CyberPatriot Volunteer?

It's easy!

- Visit www.uscyberpatriot.org, click “Register” and select “Team or Volunteer Registration”
- Complete “Mentor Application”
- Submit to a voluntary background check
- When your registration is complete, Coaches in your area will be able to contact you

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