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AFA CyberCamps 2025

The first week of AFA CyberCamps kicked off on June 2nd with camps across the United States. This year there are over 300 registered camps reaching 3,000-6,000 students.

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF REGISTERED
2025 AFA CYBERCAMPS](#)



*For those organizations hosting a camp, the official AFA CyberCamp store is OPEN. Camp coordinators with *approved* camps received an email with additional information on how to purchase printed copies of camp materials or camp T-shirts. As a reminder, all approved camps receive digital camp materials as part of the camp registration fee.

CyberPatriot 18

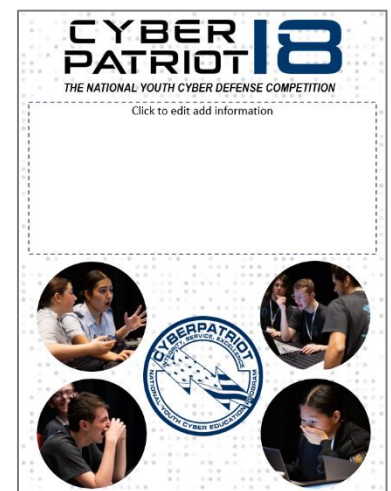
CYBER PATRIOT 18

Don't forget: Register your team before July 1 to receive a 20% discount on registration fees. The final deadline to register a team is Wednesday October 1, 2025.

You can also promote the competition in your school or organization by downloading the CyberPatriot 18 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!

[REGISTER A CYBERPATRIOT 18 TEAM TODAY](#)

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



CP-18 Exhibition Round

CP-18 Exhibition Round is now available for all teams registered for 2025-26 competition season. The Exhibition Round is designed for practice and recruiting competitors to your CyberPatriot teams. In this round, both the Windows 10 and Ubuntu 22 virtual image comes with an answer key at the bottom of the Read Me file. **Access to the Exhibition Round images will be available through August 25.**



CyberPatriot Demo



**INTERACTIVE DEMO
SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

Allow presenters to give potential participants a "hands-on" experience

- No active image required
- No internet required
- Useful at conferences and shows

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. You can share these courses with friends and family too!

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

CyberPatriot Alumni Spotlight

Corbin Allen | CyberPatriot VIII, IX



What are you up to now?

I am a Cybersecurity Instructor for Tulsa Technology Center. My mission is to provide the next generation of cyber professionals with high-quality hands-on instruction.

How did participating in the CyberPatriot competition influence your plans for your future?

Participating in CyberPatriot helped me develop my passion for security and gave me confidence in my skill set. Just like everyone, I suffer from imposter syndrome and CyberPatriot helped me realize that I had a skill set. I now share that journey with my students each year.

What was the most valuable lesson you learned from CyberPatriot?

Even with all the technical skills I learned from CyberPatriot I believe the most valuable lesson was team management and cohesion. It takes more than one person to run a ship and competing in CyberPatriot helped me learn how to develop with a team and learn from each other. I still use the team methodologies that I learned in my day-to-day instruction.

What is your advice for the next generation of CyberPatriot?

Make sure to have fun while competing. Yes, it is a competition, but you are learning important technical and career skills that you can use for your cyber career. Make it a party when you are competing, bring food and snacks and make great memories.



Fun Fact: When I am not in the classroom, I help organize the Pokemon Trading Card Game in Oklahoma. On most weekends, I am at different game shops running tournaments or teaching new players about the game. I also help Judge the game at a regional and international level, my most recent posting being the North America International Championships.



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

AFA Education Initiatives

You are familiar with CyberPatriot and our program's mission, but did you know AFA supports aerospace education, STEM, and the next generation of Air and Space Force leaders through youth competitions and camps, national and local awards, grants, scholarships, professional development opportunities, and programs. Check out some of the exciting opportunities AFA has to offer!

	StellarXplorers Space Design Competition This competition is organized much like CyberPatriot, which you know and love, but the focus is on space. This fun space system design competition challenges teams of students to solve orbit planning, satellite components, and launch operation scenarios in a series of online rounds.	Find out more on the StellarXplorers website The deadline to register teams for the 2025-26 season is October 15.
	Thompson-Mallett National Teacher of the Year This award is presented to a dedicated K-12 educator and AFA State Teacher of the Year winner. This honor recognizes STEM educators for their outstanding classroom performance, collaborative initiatives, educational outreach, leadership, and significant impact in the school and community. The National Teacher of the Year will receive a \$3,000 award, a plaque, and gold pin. First and second runners-up receive \$2,000 and \$1,000.	Guidelines and Criteria <i>Candidates must be submitted by their respective AFA State leaders. The candidate must be a former AFA State Teacher of the Year selected during the most recent past two years.</i> Application and Guidelines The deadline for nominations is June 30.
	Education Grants When teachers or instructors propose innovative, aerospace-themed projects, they unleash their students' imaginations and encourage bright minds to explore futures in STEM fields. Unfortunately, sometimes a lack of funding prevents these projects from becoming a reality. AFA is proud to step in and offer three types of education grants to make sure those dreams become reality.	Education Grants Available <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educator Grants• CAP Units Grants• JROTC Unit Grants Deadlines may vary. Please see their websites for clarification.

CyberPatriot in the News

[TWU offers a wide range of camps this summer for southern Denton County](#)

Summer is fast-approaching and Texas Women's University is offering a variety of camps in June and July, including sports, STEM, fashion, cooking, reading, language and speech. Whether you're raising a future coder, fashionista, athlete or scientist, TWU's summer offerings aim to inspire confidence, foster friendships, and support skill-building in a safe and inclusive environment.

[Angelo State Hosting Cybersecurity, Computer Coding Summer Camps](#)

SAN ANGELO, TX - Angelo State University's Department of Computer Science will host its annual ASU Code Camp and CyberCamp@ASU week-long summer camps for local and area middle school and high school students in June. This year, Code Camp is going "hybrid". Students can attend on ASU campus or join online sessions, both interchangeable. Advance registration is required and can be completed online at angelo.edu/code-camp.

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