

# Air Force Association's CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program



## CyberPatriot in Schools

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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.

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### The National Youth Cyber Defense Competition

The national youth cyber defense competition is a tournament structured event in which teams of 2-5 students are scored on how well they identify and secure known vulnerabilities on a virtual network image.

- Students compete in three divisions:
  - **Open High School Division:** Open to all high schools, scouting units, Boys and Girls Clubs, and approved high school home school programs.
  - **All Service High School Division:** JROTC Programs /CAP/Sea Cadet Corps
  - **Middle School Division:** Open to teams of middle school students.
- After a series of online qualification rounds, the top teams advance to the National Finals Competition, an in-person event held each Spring.
- Winners are awarded scholarships, and 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.

### 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 the desire of the host organization.
- Program length and cost to be determined.

### Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative (coming soon!)

Using computer training software, the Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative is designed to:

- Excite students about education in cybersecurity and other STEM disciplines.
- Help students understand the widespread importance of cybersecurity in their everyday lives and equip them with skills to better protect themselves on the Internet
- Encourage students to apply cyber ethics principles in their online interactions

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