What is Girls Go CyberStart?

Girls Go CyberStart gives students the opportunity to discover if they have an interest in cybersecurity or computer science through a fun suite of challenges, tools and games.

> *"In my high school, there rarely any opportunities like this where someone like me who knows nothing about cybersecurity can one, learn about it, and two, love everything about it from the difficult puzzles to the unique challenges. I hope that something like this will be offered again - not only to me but to all those girls."*

Last year over 10,000 high school girls took part in the Girls Go CyberStart program and loved it! It is our goal to give every student across the country the chance to participate in this exciting program.

What's next? Get girls in your state to play Girls Go CyberStart!

Girls Go CyberStart is made up of three stages. In Stage One girls will participate in a fun online tryout called CyberStart Assess. Girls who complete five challenges will move on to Stage 2 CyberStart Game where they'll master all the techniques needed to compete in an online game of Capture the Flag in Stage 3 CyberStart Compete!

Boys can also discover their interest and learn with CyberStart Game. Clubs that have 5 girls who qualify for Game will earn additional non-competition licenses for boys or other girls in their school.

Program Timeline & Prizes – Registration is open until February 14th girlsgocyberstart.org

Registration & CyberStart Assess
January 13 – February 14, 2020

CyberStart Game
February 10 – April 17, 2020

CyberStart Compete
April 23 – April 24, 2020

A high school girl can play as an individual or part of a club to discover if she has an interest in cybersecurity.

To participate, a teacher or staff member in the school will register as a club advisor at **girlsgocyberstart.org** . Once registered they will give students an access code to register. The club advisor will provide time, space, and a supportive environment for the students to work. There are no technical skills required, just a passion and enthusiasm for learning.

CyberStart Compete top scoring team prizes:

Nationally:

1st prize = $400 per team member and $250 for their school

2nd prize = $300 per team member and $250 for their school

3rd prize = $200 per team member and $250 for their school

Each State:

1st prize = $100 per team member and $100 for their school

2nd prize = $75 per team member and $100 for their school

3rd prize = $50 per team member and $100 for their school

TEAM TRIP TO A CYBER CONFERENCE

For every team that qualifies for CyberStart Compete, you'll receive 4 entries into a prize drawing for an all-expenses trip for a 4-girl team to go to the Women in Cybersecurity conference 2021.

To highlight state registration progress, and in the spirit of friendly competition, we have posted the **Girls Go CyberStart State Leaderboard** Be sure to share your state's progress!

Recruitment for Girls Go CyberStart- *Now to February 14*
Here are some ideas on how to begin reaching out in your government and community to get involved.

- **Girls Go CyberStart website**- **Girlsgocyberstart.org:** Registration, general information, timelines, prizes, and details on the advisor role.

- **Outreach letter template for schools** – send this with your cover email asking for teachers to register or for stakeholders to spread the word. Pair with the info flyer

- **Colorful flyer** - highlights program information, timelines and prizes– include with mailings to teachers / STEM organizations or attach with social media posts

- **Suggested social media posts** - turnkey social media posts and images for you to share

- **Webinars: with CyberStart Program Director, Mandy Galante** - watch the recording to learn more about the program including how to create a club, registration, what students will learn and resources for preparing for the competition, as well as a Q&A. **https://vimeo.com/380648052**

- **CyberStart GO- https://go.girlsgocyberstart.org/** Check out the type of fun puzzles found in CyberStart and test your skills with 15 sample challenges.

- **Mrs. G Tips blog- https://ggcs.online/MrsG-** regular posts on practice challenges, tips and news about Girls Go CyberStart .