Become a Volunteer

CyberPatriot is the Air Force Association's 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.

Become a Team Coach

A team coach is responsible for all aspects of a CyberPatriot team's activities and preparation, and is typically part of the school or organization the team represents (e.g.—a teacher). If no staff/faculty member is willing to be a coach, a parent can fill the role with permission from a school administrator. A person is automatically designated as the coach of a team when he or she creates a team on the registration system.

Become 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, and are encouraged to work with as many teams as they choose. Mentors are able to work locally with teams in their area, or serve as "virtual mentors" working with teams entirely online. The amount of support a mentor offers to a team may vary. The mentor-team relationship is left to mentors and coaches to determine.

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 extreme cyber experts. In many cases coaches appreciate any amount of help.

Become 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. Team assistants often help with scheduling team practice times, prepping equipment, and ordering pizza during online competition rounds (a very important task when dealing with hungry teenagers).

Sign up as a volunteer today!

- Visit www.uscyberpatriot.org, click "Register" and select "Team or Volunteer Registration" to create your user account
- To register as a coach, complete the "Create Team" form on the volunteer dashboard
- To register as a technical mentor or team assistant, complete the "Mentor Application" form on the volunteer dashboard and submit to a voluntary background check