



Sent on Behalf of
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CAP National Commander

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Dear Civil Air Patrol Members:

It was with deep pride that I was able to attend a recent Air Force Association CyberPatriot luncheon in Montgomery, AL, with Air University Commander, Lt Gen Steven Kwast, and Brig Gen (ret) Bernie Skoch, the National CyberPatriot Commissioner (the keynote speaker). See [Volunteer Now story](#). Gen Skoch informed and motivated a large group of educators, CAP members, and cyber specialists (who desire to volunteer as CyberPatriot mentors) about the middle and high school CyberPatriot program. As usual, CAP was recognized as leading the All Service teams in this exciting STEM competition for our cadets. At this point of the registration process, CAP has not reached the number of teams we had last year, and we need to continually expand the number of teams CAP fields in this cyber security competition.

In last year's competition, CAP had a total of 433 middle and high school teams. As of today, CAP has a total of 345 teams. We have 3 days left to register teams. PLEASE consider doing so for your squadron! The coach can register the team by 9 October, and has until 6 November to select the cadet team members, so there is plenty of time to get organized to complete this program. And, there is NO cost to the cadets or the squadrons to participate as CAP pays for all CAP teams.

If you register teams from your squadron, remember that middle school teams need to be registered in the Middle School Division and NOT the All Service Division, as that is only for high school teams. Registering a middle school team in the All Service Division vs the Middle School Division puts that young team at a distinct disadvantage.

Squadrons can have as many teams as there are cadets to fill. Each team should have 2-5 cadets, with an optional 6th alternate cadet. Each squadron coach can lead up to five teams.

If your squadron does not have enough cadets to create a team, you can work with another squadron in your Group to build a team, with approval from the Group Commander and CAP NHQ rep, Susan Mallett (at afa@capnhq.gov).

The CAP Cadet Cyber Team, led by Maj Jacob Stauffer, has developed cyber familiarization courses and a cyber security website (www.cap-cyber.org), and is poised and ready to provide appropriate acknowledgement of team participation and completion of the program. Thus, all of CAP is behind each team in hopes that YOUR cadets have the opportunity to use the AFA's excellent training program to learn about exciting and high-demand cyber careers.

CAP has 41 out of 53 Wings involved thus far. Is YOUR Wing and squadron involved? See the [CyberPatriot team list](#) to find out.

Civil Air Patrol makes a huge impact each and every day, going above and beyond to make a profound difference in America's communities. As a vigilant CAP volunteer, each of you are helping to mold the next generation of STEM professions that will lead our great organization. **Each squadron is encouraged to try to create a cadet team for this year's competition. Register at www.uscyberpatriot.org.**

Semper vigilans!

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