

Welcome again to all Regional **Cyber*Sci** Competition participants!

This is a long message. You cannot finish it in 30 seconds.

Live events are more work for you than online ones. And more fun!

- You'll need 5 minutes to read it all.
Then 4-6 minutes to complete your three **ACTION** steps.
(Or 2-4 hours, if your resume is not done yet!)

If you are in a rush, just be sure to upload your resume at: <https://app.cybersci.ca>

There are three parts to this message:

Part 0 - This Summary

Part 1 - Admin Prep (To finish by Monday, Nov. 18)

- Upload your resume!
- Finish your self-registration (food allergies, emergency contact info, etc.)
- Update your team name
- Join the CyberSci Discord server

Part 2 - Tech Prep (To finish by Friday, Nov. 22)

- Preparing your attack box
- **Joining the scoreboard (details to follow later)**
- Getting support during the event
- Connecting to the cyber range (through a VPN)

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, November 23**. And good luck to all.

Regards,

Tom and the whole **Cyber*Sci** Organizing Committee

DETAILS

Part 1 - Admin Prep (To finish by Monday, Nov 18)

1. Resumes (ACTION!**):**

You are very strongly encouraged to upload your resume to [CyberSci registration app](#).
(And you should finish answering the questions on diet and

Two big reasons:

- **It's good for you** because you'll need a resume to get a job sooner or later. And the more you get your name out there, the more jobs you will get to choose from.
- **It's also good for everyone** because we love the CyberSci sponsors, and the sponsors love student resumes! :-)

Seriously, we need sponsors to keep hiring participants and funding the big prizes.
Please submit your resumes ASAP.

Resume hint #1: State your availability. For example:

Looking for coop / part-time / full-time starting in January / May / September 2025

Resume hint #2: The filename for your resume should be “RGN-School-Your_Name”

For example: VAN-uVic-**Firstname_Lastname**.pdf

In different regions, you might win an interview with one or more of these Gold and Silver sponsors.



- 2. Finish your self-registration (ACTION!):** Access the [CyberSci registration app](#).
 - [Food allergies and preference](#), emergency contact info, pronouns, etc.
- 3. Update your team name (ACTION!):** You can change your team name in the [CyberSci registration app](#).
 - Do it! Because no one is proud to see “School Name #2” on the winners’ board.
 - [Team names will be frozen on Sunday, Nov. 17. No more changes after that!](#)
- 4. Join the CyberSci Discord server** at <https://discord.gg/EH9VJEbNhj>
 - You’ll need it to get info now, and **support during the event!**
- 5. Date: Saturday November 23, 2024**
- 6. Time:** Canada is proud to have the 2nd-most time zones of any country in the world. :-)
 - For **Vancouver**, this means an early start since you need to arrive early for setup.
 - For Saint John, this means a really late finish for interviews.

We strongly recommend you arrive 30-60 minutes early, to test your connectivity.

Start times in 2024 are now 1 hour *later* than we had in 2023. **Vancouver people**, you’re welcome.

Saint John	1:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Atlantic Time	← A late finish
Montreal	12:00 noon to 7:00 pm	Eastern Time	
Ottawa	12:00 noon to 7:00 pm	Eastern Time	
Toronto	12:00 noon to 7:00 pm	Eastern Time	
Calgary	10:00 am to 6:00 pm	MountainTime	
Vancouver	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	PacificTime	← An early start!

- 7. Food:** Coffee, refreshments and lunch or supper will be provided during the event.
 - To reduce plastic waste, [please bring your own reusable water bottle](#).
- 8. Location:** See PDF file on CyberSci Discord server in [#event-locations-and-times](#)
 - Includes campus map and room directions, where needed.

9. **Rules:** CyberSci Discord [#rules-regionals-24-25](#)

Part 2 - Technical Prep (To finish by Friday, Nov. 22)

- Preparing your attack box
- Getting support during the event
- Connecting to the cyber range

More info on these steps will be sent to you soon.

For now (this weekend) focus on this - especially if you are a beginner:

1. **Prepare your attack box**

Kali or whatever you like. Make sure you can connect to WiFi [from your attack machine](#),

2. **Download and install the OpenVPN Connect Client on your attack machine.**

- You must have a VPN client installed
- OpenVPN works well - <https://openvpn.net/vpn-client/>
We used it during testing. We will do our best to support you.
- Other VPN clients might work, or might not and we cannot offer support.
 - Install a VPN client on your attack box. (We recommend: OVPN.)
 - We will set up a “test” VPN server on Monday (5 days before event) for you to connect.

3. **If you are a beginner, practice using the VPN from your attack machine**

- *If you can't get your VPN to work at the event, you will be completely locked out.*
So it is highly, strongly, deeply recommended that you debug your VPN right now, in advance of event day.

** Warning! Some people **waste their time** on event day trying to debug their attack machine.

** Test your WiFi connection, and your VPN installation **on your attack box before event day!**

A “test” VPN server will be set up for final CyberSci testing on Monday, 5 days before the event. We will also release an OVPN file on that day.

There will be some *very good reasons* to test your box against the CyberSci VPN server next week. ;-) The reasons will be *scoreboard-impacting*. Do not miss out!

[And remember: test the ****exact config you will have on event day !!!****](#)