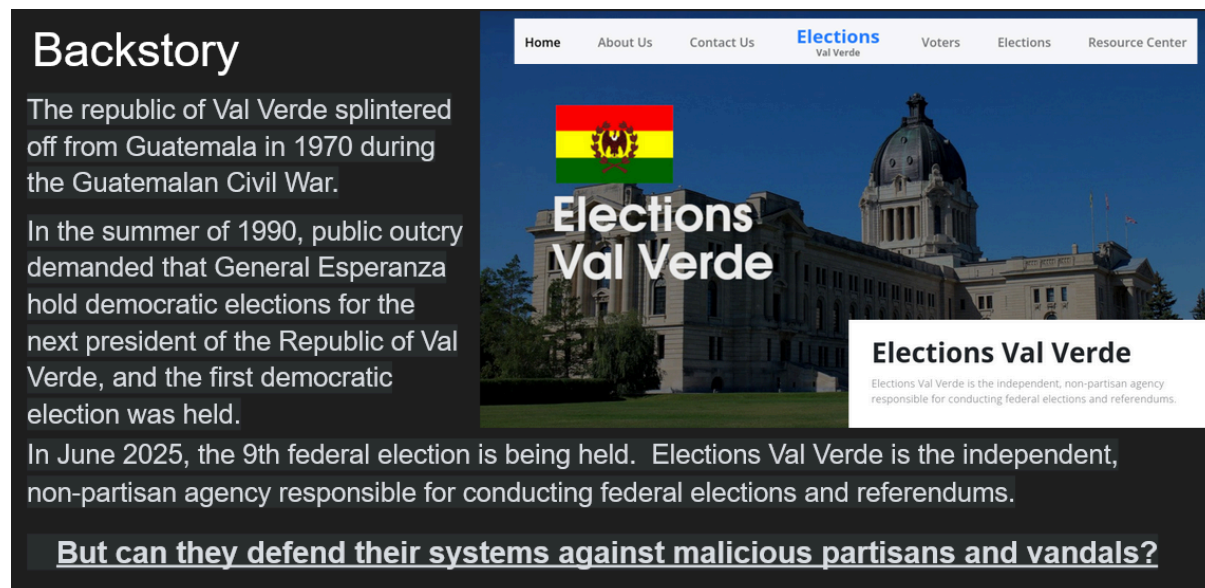


Welcome again to all Regional **Cyber*Sci** Competition participants!



Backstory

The republic of Val Verde splintered off from Guatemala in 1970 during the Guatemalan Civil War.

In the summer of 1990, public outcry demanded that General Esperanza hold democratic elections for the next president of the Republic of Val Verde, and the first democratic election was held.

In June 2025, the 9th federal election is being held. Elections Val Verde is the independent, non-partisan agency responsible for conducting federal elections and referendums.

But can they defend their systems against malicious partisans and vandals?

The screenshot shows the website header with navigation links: Home, About Us, Contact Us, Elections Val Verde, Voters, Elections, and Resource Center. The main content area features the Val Verde flag, the text 'Elections Val Verde', and a description of the agency. A white box on the right contains the text: 'Elections Val Verde is the independent, non-partisan agency responsible for conducting federal elections and referendums.'

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 just before the event)**
- 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!

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

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

Mon, Nov 18: All done. Thanks Julian!

- The OVPN test file is in “#announcements” channel on our CyberSci Discord server.
- If your vpn works, the test host webserver will be accessible here: <http://10.0.2.128/>

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

And remember: test the ****exact config you will have on event day !!!****