Hackathon Website Critiques

http://bytehacks.org/
Hackathon in Thoughtworks NYC

Good:

1. Eye-catching color scheme
2. Responsive scrolling
3. Crisp feel on the home page, doesn't feel crowded

Bad:

1. Content blocks other content (top right)
2. Cluttered, while crisp, content doesn't seem consistently spread
3. Lists of times should not be center justified
4. Mobile site should either omit information or convert to multipage layout

https://hackthenorth.com/
Hackathon at University of Waterloo

Good:

1. Mobile sizing is clean, however, see bad 1.
2. Beautiful homepage on front page at full size. The graphics are a better eye-catcher than the clock

Bad:

1. information that is not directly event focused should be omitted on mobile sizing
2. On middle size screens, information such as title fall off front page
3. Slow loading, may be better to go with multiple routes
4. At some page sizes, personnel list becomes long and only half paged, inconsistent images of people

http://www.mininghack.tech/
Mining Hack

THIS SITE IS IN SPANISH

good:
1. Light color scheme, information is obvious and clear
2. (GREAT) Option to switch to English, speaks well of accessibility
3. Map on screen, good for if we branch out to other schools

bad:
1. Page bleed at medium sizes
2. Gets a little long on medium/small screens
3. No navigation menu for larger screens, clumsy on smaller
4. Navigation back to home switches language back to default

http://dubhacks.co/
University of Washington, Seattle

good:
1. Eye catching colors, changes based on section
2. No navbar adds to cleaner look
3. Click on their volunteer/mentor links. Great typeform pages

bad:
1. Page bleed on non-mobile home screen
2. This is a long-ass web page
3. No navigation bar despite length
4. Enough going on that animations can fall behind user

Inward Critiques /Lessons/Ideas Generated
1. Our hackathon is in Clemson, and we have many beautiful features. I would suggest changing from the clock on the front page to a stylized Clemson image. A clock would be a good add in thumbnail or NavBar feature
   a. As the hackathon prominently features Watt, I feel styling the website after the building and environment would add a great layer to the event and some cleanliness
2. Lighter colors on the website. Ours seems rather gloomy.
3. Parallax adds to some sites, I'm not convinced on ours. A clean look may go better.
4. Navbar not visible on home page seems to lend itself to a cleaner environment

Idea for team section: Have each team member upload a resume to github which can be linked to their name/picture on the website