



Tentatively May 22-23, 2026  
SD Central Library Shiley Events Suite

# CipherHacks



Sponsorship Prospectus  
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# About CipherHacks

## What is CipherHacks?

CipherHacks is San Diego's premier student-run cybersecurity hackathon, created by and for high school students. We provide a welcoming, beginner-friendly environment where teens can explore ethical hacking, programming, and digital innovation. Whether it's their first time coding or their tenth project, students work in teams to build creative solutions, attend hands-on workshops, and connect with mentors and peers who share a passion for tech. CipherHacks operates under the fiscal sponsorship of Hack Club, a 501(c)(3) public charity that supports student-run STEM programs.

## What are the logistics of CipherHacks?

CipherHacks is tentatively scheduled to take place on May 22-23, 2026, and is expected to host around 150 high school students. The event will be entirely free for participants and include 2 days of team-based building, educational workshops, mentorship, free meals and snacks, and custom swag for all attendees. All activities will be held in person at a secure and fully supervised venue, with adult volunteers ensuring safety and a respectful environment.

## Who is organizing the event?

CipherHacks is organized by a team of high school students with backgrounds in software development, robotics, and tech leadership. Our team includes club officers, experienced hackathon participants, and student leaders committed to making tech more accessible with guidance and financial oversight from Hack Club's nonprofit team.

## About Hack Club's Fiscal Sponsorship

CipherHacks is fiscally sponsored by Hack Club (EIN 81-2908499), a 501(c)(3) public charity. All U.S. contributions are tax-deductible. Hack Club handles donation processing, bookkeeping, liability insurance, and compliance, so our student team can focus on the event. Each donor receives an automatic tax receipt. Funds are held in a dedicated, restricted account.





# Impact 2025



## Outreach

[550K+] total views across social media  
[31] posts highlighting student projects, mentors, and workshops  
[42K+] engagements on social media  
[8.4K] average views per post  
[34%] students traveled from schools 16+ miles away

## Who Showed Up

[59%] first-time hackers  
[31%] female participants  
[20%] from underrepresented communities in STEM  
[22%] of respondents who disclosed income status reported coming from low-income households

## What They Built

[98%] completion rate: nearly every team had a functional project  
[14] projects built  
[6] different programming languages across all projects

## Participation & Scale

[58] student attendees  
[20+] different San Diego high schools represented  
[14] teams formed and built projects  
[8] adult mentors from leading tech companies  
[1:7] mentor-to-student ratio

## The Experience

[4.3]/[5.0] average satisfaction rating from participants  
[100%] felt the event was inclusive and welcoming to beginners  
[94%] found workshops useful for their learning  
[88%] would recommend CipherHacks to a friend (very likely or higher)  
[80%] learned vital soft skills such as pitching and presenting their projects

## What's Next

We hope to scale to:

[100+] students (up from [58] in 2025)  
[25+] schools reached across all San Diego regions  
[5+] workshops with advanced and beginner tracks  
[10+] industry mentors providing hands-on guidance  
[50%+] female participation (up from [31%] in 2025)





# Sponsoring CipherHacks

## Why sponsor CipherHacks?

Sponsoring CipherHacks is an opportunity to support the next generation of technologists, ethical hackers, and creative problem-solvers. As a sponsor, your organization will reach students early in their tech journeys, before brand preferences are formed, and gain exposure through on-site, digital, and swag-based branding. Sponsors can also engage directly by offering mentorship, leading workshops, or showcasing their tools and technologies. Your involvement demonstrates a commitment to fostering cybersecurity awareness, digital equity, and STEM education at the grassroots level.

## How can I help?

There are many ways your organization can support CipherHacks and make a meaningful impact. Financial sponsorship helps us cover the core costs of running the event—everything from food and prizes to shirts, tech tools, and venue supplies. In-kind donations like software credits, swag, or hardware are also incredibly valuable to our participants. Sponsors are invited to get involved directly by sending mentors, hosting workshops, or presenting demos and tools to students. Your support—whether financial, material, or hands-on—helps us create a welcoming, inspiring environment for high schoolers to explore cybersecurity and computer science. On the next page, you'll find a breakdown of our projected budget to see exactly where your support will go.

If you have any other ideas, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [sponsors@cipherhacks.tech](mailto:sponsors@cipherhacks.tech)

## Where will your money go?

All sponsorship funds will go directly toward creating a high-quality, engaging experience for every participant. Your support helps cover essential costs such as food and drinks, T-shirts and custom swag, competition prizes, workshop materials, venue rentals, safety equipment, and marketing outreach to underrepresented schools. CipherHacks is fiscally sponsored by Hack Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, ensuring that all contributions are tax-deductible and professionally managed.



# Budget Breakdown

DISCLAIMER: WE DO NOT HAVE A HEADCOUNT NOR FINALIZED BUDGET. ESTIMATION ONLY

~\$40  
PER ATTENDEE

FOR ~100  
ATTENDEES

*NOT INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS*

CATEGORY	ESTIMATED TOTAL	PER PERSON
🍕 Food & Snacks	\$2000	\$20.00
😎 Swag & T-Shirts	\$600	6.00
venue 🎉 Venue & Supplies	\$200	\$2.00
🏆 Prizes	\$500	\$5.00
💻 Tech / Tools	\$100	\$1.00
🧠 Workshop Materials	\$100	\$1.00
📢 Marketing	\$400	\$4.00
🚨 Emergency Fund	\$100	\$1.00
Estimated Total Budget:		\$4,000



# Sponsorship Tiers

If our tiers don't meet your needs, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [sponsors@cipherhacks.tech](mailto:sponsors@cipherhacks.tech)

	<b>Silver</b> \$500+	<b>Gold</b> \$1500+	<b>Diamond</b> \$3000+	<b>Partner</b> \$3000+
Logo on website & shirt	✓	✓	✓ Large Print	✓ Large Print
Table at event		✓	✓	✓
Workshop or tech talk				2x ✓✓
Shoutout on social media	✓	✓	✓	✓
Awards ceremony mention	✓	✓	✓	✓
API/Product Demo			✓	✓
Access to resumes (Opt-In)				✓
API/Product Challenge			✓	✓
"Presented by" Naming Rights				✓



# Interested in sponsoring?

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OR

Fill out the sponsorship  
form on our website!

[cipherhacks.tech](http://cipherhacks.tech)

# Hack Club

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October 3rd, 2025

**CipherHacks Subsidiary Confirmation**

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to verify that The Hack Foundation (d.b.a. Hack Club) is acting as the nonprofit [fiscal sponsor](#) for CipherHacks since June 11th, 2025.

We have established a restricted fund within our foundation to support their organization and are receiving donations and other funds on their behalf. The Hack Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity with the EIN 81-2908499.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any additional questions. Our team can be reached at [hcb@hackclub.com](mailto:hcb@hackclub.com).

Best,



Melanie Smith  
Fiscal Sponsorship Director of Operations  
Hack Club