

Tech Retreat

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Saturday, August 15
9AM – 8PM

Our Mission

Tech Retreat is a student-led initiative designed to inspire high school students from all backgrounds through a collaborative exploration of technology.

From our experience, students are brimming with ideas, but it is a daunting challenge to take the first step to apply those ideas practically. This is where Tech Retreat can serve as an outlet to let creativity and ingenuity flow freely.

About the Event

Tech Retreat will be held on University of Waterloo's campus in the **Engineering 5** building – home to the university's Student Design Centre dedicated to student-led design teams and projects. We aim to empower students from all backgrounds. To accommodate this, the event will be divided into two streams: a **hackathon** and a **learnathon**.

The **hackathon** is an open-ended competition to challenge participants to bring any software or hardware project they can dream of to fruition.

The **learnathon** is more workshop-oriented, focused on exposing students to new technologies. Participants will build upon a pre-existing project as they are taught and guided by mentors from local companies.

At the end of both events, students can present their project to the audience to win prizes.

Why It's Awesome!

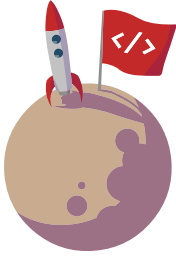
GET INSPIRED

Throughout the event, representatives from companies from across North America will be present to share their stories and experiences from when they were in high school till where they are now. Additionally, a panel of university students will be there to share their take on the University of Waterloo's buzzing tech presence and to answer questions.

A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

The day will also be an opportunity to explore the University and experience campus life! Through the activities planned, students will meet and connect with like-minded peers and work together on a technology-related project to gain invaluable experience. Best of all, admission is free with meals and snacks provided to all participants.

Regardless of whether or not participants plan on pursuing a career in technology, this will undoubtedly be an epic day filled with inspiration and innovation.



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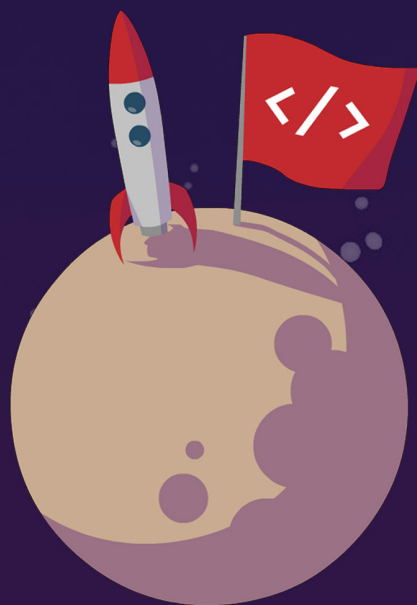
Hackathon Schedule

TIME	EVENT
8:30 AM	Registration, Meet New Friends
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies, Sponsor Intros, Keynote Presentations
9:30 AM	Hacking Starts! (and Form Teams)
11:30 AM	Lunch
3:00 PM	Student Panel
6:00 PM	Hackathon Dinner
6:30 PM	Hackathon Project Showcase
7:30 PM	Closing Ceremonies

Learnathon Schedule

TIME	EVENT
8:30 AM	Registration, Meet New Friends
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies, Sponsor Intros, Keynote Presentations
9:30 AM	Hacking Starts! (and Form Teams)
11:30 AM	Lunch
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5:30PM	Learnathon Dinner
6:00 PM	Learnathon Project Showcase
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Exclusive to HS students



Tech Retreat

Learn. Collaborate. **Create.**

HACKATHON

create something cool with
a team of up to 4 people.

LEARNATHON

participate in workshops &
learn about technology!

FREE | NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED | PRIZES

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