Los Altos Hacks IV

What is a high school hackathon?

A high school hackathon is a programming event ranging between 12 and 24 hours. Attendees arrive at a venue in order create a "hack" or a tech product that can be about anything, with the goal in mind to complete their project by the time the hackathon is over.

Attendees are encouraged to work in groups, collaborating on their projects and making new friends along the way. At the end of the event, students submit their projects to be evaluated by a panel of judges, and prizes are awarded to the best hacks.

What is Los Altos Hacks?

Los Altos Hacks is a student-run hackathon for high school students around the world. We aim to have an all-inclusive event that allows students to express their creativity while eliminating the social obstacles surrounding programming. We hope to convince others that anyone can learn to code: programming is not solely for boys or geniuses. The hackathon will offer an environment focused on increasing diversity in the field of computer science.

In 2019, Los Altos Hacks IV will be taking place, which will be Los Altos Hacks' fourth annual event. In the past, we've hosted our events at Microsoft, Evernote, and Juniper Networks.

What are the logistics of Los Altos Hacks IV?

Los Altos Hacks IV will take place on March 23-24, 2019. We will host the event for 350 students at the Juniper Aspiration Dome in Sunnyvale, CA.

The event is 100% free for any high school students, and any students above high school level are welcome to mentor (help attendees with their projects at the hackathon). By attending, students have access to tools and workshops that teach them how to code, three free meals, free t-shirts, company merchandise, and much more.

We encourage students who have never coded before to attend Los Altos Hacks, and in general we aim for a 50/50 split between experienced and novice programmers. We will have a plethora of resources for students get started on creating their first coding project at our event.