



# LOS ALTOS HACKS III

## Information Packet

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## **What is a high school hackathon?**

A high school hackathon is a programming event, ranging between 12 to 24 hours, where students arrive at a designated location in order create a “hack,” or tech product, that they can present to judges. Our judges are often representatives from major tech giants, such as IBM. Our attendees will also have the opportunity to stay overnight and network with their fellow attendees, as well as industry representatives.

## **What is Los Altos Hacks?**

Los Altos Hacks is a student-run hackathon targeted at high school students in the Bay Area. It aims to be an all-inclusive event that allows students to express their creativity, eliminate the social obstacles surrounding programming, while addressing real world issues that they care about. 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.

## **What are the logistics of Los Altos Hacks?**

We plan to host approximately 350 students with varying amounts of experience in computer science. 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, 4 free meals, free t-shirts and company merchandise, and much more. The venue and date have not been secured yet, but will be soon!