

## FAQ

### Who can attend?

- You must be 18 years old, or older, unless you are a volunteer through a local school.

### Cost of attendance?

- Attendance is free.

### When does the event start and end?

- Check-in starts at 4:30 pm CT on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The closing ceremony will end by 3:00 pm CT on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### I've never been to a Hackathon. Will there be mentors?

- Yes. MadHacks prides itself on catering to first-time hackers. We will have mentors from top employers, so don't be afraid to ask a question. Feel free to approach mentors in their offices.

### Who is sponsoring?

- See our sponsors page here: <http://madhacks.org/#row5>

### Will there be hardware?

- Yes. We have:
  - ( Oculus Rifts
  - ( Myo Armbands
  - ( Pebble Watches
  - ( Spark Cores
  - ( Leap Motions
  - ( Arduinos
  - ( Intel Galileo Smart Boards.
- These can be checked out on a first come first served basis and must be returned before the end of the hackathon.

### Will there be travel reimbursement?

- We cannot guarantee travel reimbursement at this time, but we are working with other campuses on buses. Keep an eye on your email.

### How can I find a carpool?

- If you wish to provide a ride to hackers in your area, please contact [team@madhacks.org](mailto:team@madhacks.org).
- If you are looking to join a carpool, please indicate this on the RSVP form.

### How can I get there?

- If coming from the east, consider Badger Bus. It is \$20, one way.
- If coming from the south, west, or north, consider Van Gelder Bus Lines or Greyhound.
- Of note, most major bus routes will drop you off near downtown Madison.
- There is an airport in downtown Madison if you are flying in, but consider flying into Milwaukee and taking the Badger Bus to Madison. This is the cheaper option.
- If these above routes do not work, we are also arranging carpools. Please indicate your preference on the RSVP form.
- If you are coming from downtown #2, #6, and #7 bus lines from the Madison Metro Transit

System run directly through downtown to our venue and back. All bus lines cost \$2 and will run from approximately 6:30 am CT to midnight CT. Google Maps has information on the bus routes.

How will my hack be judged?

- Fellow hackers will be your judge during the expo! This means that a voting system will be in place for you to choose the MadHacks winners. There will be prizes for the most mad hack, best hardware, best software, and the most complicated way to accomplish a mundane task, etc.
- There will also be API prizes provided by our corporate sponsors. If you wish to compete for these prizes, please indicate this when submitting your project to Challenge Post.

Are there prizes?

- We will be releasing detailed prize information from MadHacks and sponsors closer to the event.

How big can my team be?

- You can be a team of one or larger. But, we recommend a team size no greater than four.

How can I form my team?

- If you do not have a team and would like to form one prior to the event, consider posting in the MadHacks Participants Group (<https://facebook.com/groups/1550934531853346/>).
- We will also provide a team forming session near the beginning of the hack.

What should I bring?

- We have sleeping space, so you should consider bringing a sleeping bag, blanket, and/or pillow.
- We also have a shower, so you should bring soap and a towel. See details below.
- Remember your chargers.

What food will be there?

- The meal plan and ingredients will be listed two weeks prior to the event, on April 3ed.

Dietary questions?

- We will have options available for:
  - ( Vegetarians
  - ( Gluten free
  - ( Kosher
- If your concern is not covered here, please email [team@madhacks.org](mailto:team@madhacks.org)

What fun activities will be there?

- Tag
- Frisbee
- Costume content
- Mafia
- Water balloon fight
- Video games
- Board games
- Card Games
- Trivia

Hygiene:

- There will be one shower at the event that you can sign up for, so sign up early! Please be punctual, and don't forget to bring your own soap and towel.

Email [team@madhacks.org](mailto:team@madhacks.org) for other questions.