LOS ALTOS HACKS

JANUARY 30TH-31ST

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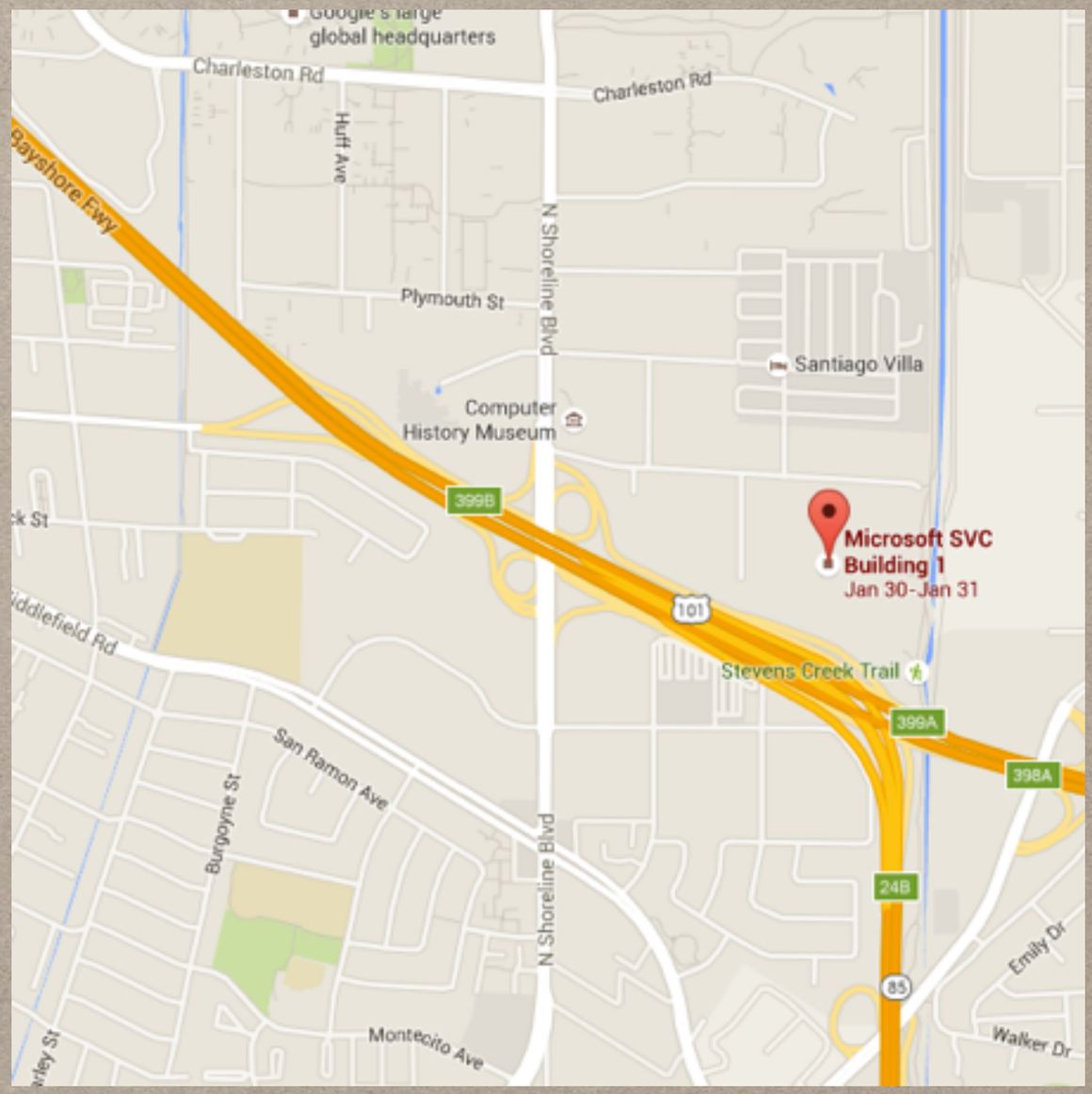
GENERAL

- Microsoft SVC Building 1
- 1065 La Avenida St, Mountain View
- Check-in Starts 10:30



BEFORE THE HACKATHON

- Every time you encounter a problem, or an idea, write it down and keep it on a Google Sheets.
- The Idea and all its feature is what will get you prizes and a ton of experience to learn.
- Homework - do as much as possible prior to the hackathon.

WHAT TO BRING

- Computer and Phone with Chargers.
  - Download any Code Editor - Sublime Text
- Earphones/Headphones.
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bag.
- Useful things:
  - Whiteboard 1-2 per team.
  - Comfortable clothing - change
  - Toiletry kit
- Student ID - Code of Conduct Packet signed Online.

TEAMS

- Max 4 people per team
- There will be a Team Mixer(optional) - 11:30.
- Any Idea is a good Idea - There is no specific theme.
- Figure out what you need before the Hackathon in order to make your app. Try searching up before starting.
- Install needed Software - Text Editors needed for your app.
- List of Software: https://beta.etherpad.org/p/SMHS-Editor

SHOULD I PARTICIPATE FOR A PRIZE

- Yes, you should definitely try to Demo and participate.
- 50%+ of hackers attending have never coded before.
- You have 24 hours + workshops to learn from.
- There will be tons of mentors around!

HACKATHON TIP

- Set realistic expectations, but push yourself.
    - Ex: Maybe not build a whole Facebook, but just the posting/sharing part. (MVP)
- Expand your network.
- Be as comfortable as possible.
- Make it more fun with games, music and walks.
- Take frequent breaks and participate in the fun events around.

SCHEDULE - EVENT SATURDAY

- 9:00 AM Sponsor and Mentor Check In
- 10:30 AM Hackers Check In
- 12:00 PM Opening Ceremony
- 1:00 PM Hacking Starts
- 1:00 PM Lunch
- 6:30 PM Dinner

SCHEDULE - EVENT SUNDAY

- 12:00 AM Midnight Snack
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 11:00 AM Lunch
- 12:00 PM Judging Expo
- 2:00 PM Closing Ceremony

SCHEDULE WORKSHOPS

- 1:30 PM How to Get Started With Python (Microsoft)
- 1:30 PM Gotta Code 'Em All (Make School)
- 2:30 PM How to Make a Windows 10 App for Beginners
- 3:30 PM Hardware Hack: Connecting an IoT device to the cloud
- 3:30 PM Quick Steps to a MVP (Altacode)
- 4:00 PM Design Hacks for Programmers (Make School)
- 4:30 PM FIRST Robotics
- 5:00 PM Cheater Cheater (Microsoft)
- 7:30 PM Break into Tech (Make School)

SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES

- 11:30 AM Team Mixer
- 6:00 PM Cup Stacking
- 8:30 PM Onesie Meetup
- 9:00 PM Light Saber Battle
- 2:00 AM Smash Tournament

QUESTIONS

- More info at http://www.losaltoshacks.com/