

patriot hacks — Official Itinerary and Session Guide

Event Year: 2025

Timezone: Eastern Standard Time

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Hackathon Timeline Starts

Date	Time	Event Title	Location
8 Feb	7:30 AM	Breakfast Starts	Designated Meal Area
8 Feb	9:30 AM	Check-In Starts	Hackspace
8 Feb	10:45 AM	Last Check-In	Hackspace
8 Feb	11:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	Main Auditorium
8 Feb	11:30 AM	Hacking Time Starts	Hackspace
8 Feb	1:00 PM	Lunch Batch 1	Designated Meal Area
8 Feb	2:00 PM	Lunch Batch 2	Designated Meal Area
8 Feb	3:30 PM	Mentor Round 1	Mentor Zone
8 Feb	6:00 PM	Evening Snacks	Designated Meal Area
8 Feb	6:30 PM	GitHub Mini Event	Workshop Hall
8 Feb	7:30 PM	Dinner Batch 1	Designated Meal Area
8 Feb	8:30 PM	Dinner Batch 2	Designated Meal Area
8 Feb	11:00 PM	Mentor Round 2	Mentor Zone
9 Feb	1:00 AM	Midnight Snacks	Designated Meal Area
9 Feb	2:00 AM	Mini Event: Debug Race	Hackspace
9 Feb	7:00 AM	Breakfast Starts	Designated Meal Area
9 Feb	9:00 AM	Breakfast Last Served	Designated Meal Area
9 Feb	11:00 AM	Final Judgement Begins	Main Auditorium
9 Feb	12:00 PM	Lunch Starts	Designated Meal Area
9 Feb	2:00 PM	Judgement Ends	Main Auditorium
9 Feb	2:30 PM	Last Lunch Served	Designated Meal Area
9 Feb	3:30 PM	Closing Ceremony Begins	Main Auditorium
9 Feb	5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony Ends	Main Auditorium

Hackathon Timeline Ends

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Below are detailed explanations, agendas, and notes for each session.

Match sessions by Session Title + Date + Time or assign IDs during parsing.

Opening Ceremony

Date: 8 Feb

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Main Auditorium

Description:

The official kickoff to patriot hacks. Participants will be welcomed by the organizing team, sponsors, and faculty. Rules, judging criteria, safety guidelines, and the event roadmap are introduced.

Agenda:

- Welcome address
- Sponsor messages
- Hackathon theme reveal
- Housekeeping rules
- Team formation reminders

Hacking Time Starts

Date: 8 Feb

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Hackspace

Description:

Development officially begins. Teams may start writing code, designing prototypes, or conducting testing.

Notes:

- All teams must have checked in by this point.
- Mentors open in the afternoon.
- Hardware lab opens at 12:00 PM.

Mentor Round 1

Date: 8 Feb

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Mentor Zone

Description:

First mentor round where teams meet experts to refine ideas.

What happens:

- 10 minute slots per team
- Clarify scope and feasibility
- Discuss tech stack
- Identify blockers

GitHub Mini Event**Date:** 8 Feb**Time:** 6:30 PM**Location:** Workshop Hall**Description:**

Interactive GitHub session teaching productivity tips, Copilot workflows, and speed hacks.

Includes:

- Mini challenges
- Swag giveaways
- Live demo

Mentor Round 2**Date:** 8 Feb**Time:** 11:00 PM**Location:** Mentor Zone**Description:**

Deep-dive mentor session for teams wanting late-night technical review.

Focus areas:

- Architecture
- ML pipeline checks
- UI/UX review
- Debugging

Mini Event: Debug Race**Date:** 9 Feb**Time:** 2:00 AM**Location:** Hackspace**Description:**

A fun late-night debugging contest. Teams race to fix intentionally broken code.

Final Judgement Begins

Date: 9 Feb

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Main Auditorium

Description:

Teams present their hacks to judges. Scored on innovation, impact, polish, and feasibility.

Format:

- 3 minute presentation
- 2 minute Q&A;
- 1 minute reset

Closing Ceremony

Date: 9 Feb

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Main Auditorium

Description:

Winners announced, prizes distributed, and event wraps up. Followed by photos and sponsor thanks.