



A Parent's Guide to
The
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Zephyr

The logo features the text "A Parent's Guide to" in a reddish-brown serif font at the top. Below it, "The" is written in a light blue, decorative script font. The word "HACKER" is in large, bold, white serif letters, with a red diagonal slash through it. Underneath "HACKER", the word "Zephyr" is written in a flowing, red cursive script font. The background is dark blue, and there are stylized, swirling decorative lines in shades of blue and red that frame the text.

July 15th to
25th

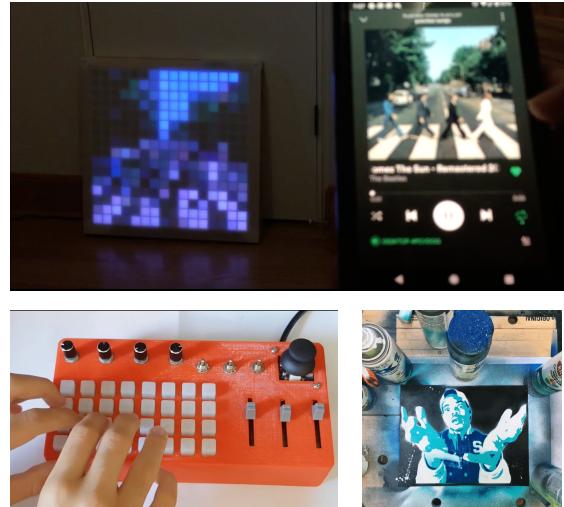
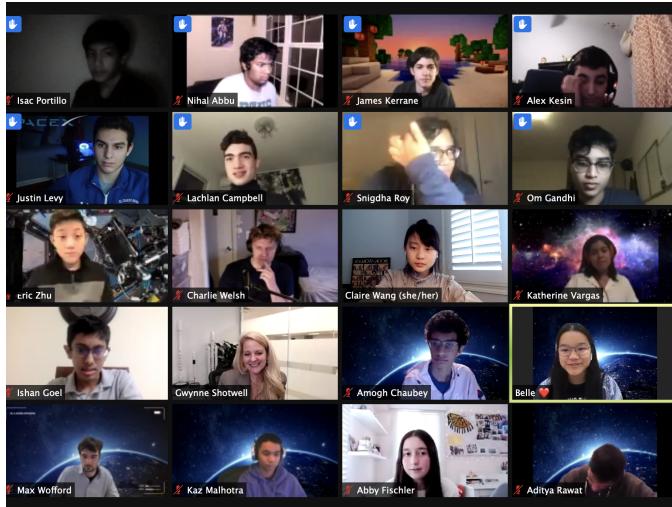
Burlington (VT) to Los Angeles
(CA)

What is Hack Club?

Hack Club is a registered 7-year old 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster a wholesome generation of coders, makers, founders and builders. Hack Club is a network of hundreds of after-school, student-led computer science clubs, and a safe, positive online community of 13k teenagers from 22 countries, who consist of highly-technical high school students from around the US and world.



Supported by SpaceX's Elon Musk and Gwynne Shotwell; GitHub founder Tom Preston-Werner, and executives at Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, and GitHub and many up and coming tech startups, all Hack Club programs *are free and accessible to all students*. Hack Club supports teenagers making real projects in the real world.



The Plan for the Summer

This summer, Hack Club is taking teenagers on a coding adventure, with the goal of ensuring that young people passionate about computers also engage in face-to-face activities, in-person with friends. Thanks to support from major donors, Hack Club is chartering a train across the country for a 10 day adventure that begins in Vermont and ends in Los Angeles; and we offer this experience free to students.

42 students will be selected to travel across the country by train in a safe, supervised setting, where they will code, collaborate, solve problems together, all whilst discovering new parts of the country, including the Rocky Mountains and the farms of Vermont.



Hack Club HQ, Vermont



Times Square, NYC



Our dining/observation car



Rooms on the sleeper car



The Rockies (Colorado)



The Streets of SF



Venice Beach, LA

As a member of the Hack Club community, we invite you to register your interest! Please fill out and submit the registration form here: <https://zephyr.hackclub.com>

Hack Clubber registration forms are due: Friday, June 4th, 2021 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time

For Parents and Caregivers

For parents, caregivers and students, Hack Club COO Christina Asquith and Hack Club founder Zach Latta will host 3 webinars from May 31st to June 3rd, 2021 for questions.

To join the Parent Q & A Webinars, please follow the Zoom links below:

- Monday, May 31st, at 9pm ET / 6pm PT: [CLICK HERE TO JOIN CALL](#)
- Wednesday, June 2nd, at 6pm ET / 3pm PT: [CLICK HERE TO JOIN CALL](#)
- Thursday, June 3rd, at 10:30am ET / 7:30am PT: [CLICK HERE TO JOIN CALL](#)

Important dates to remember:

Friday, June 4th at 11:59 PM Pacific Time: registration forms deadline

Wednesday, June 9th: Rolling invitations to 42 students begins. Students have 1 week to confirm attendance with signed packets.

Hack Club staff (tina@hackclub.com) begins assisting with all travel bookings

Thursday, July 15th: Trip begins! Students must arrive in Burlington, Vermont

Sunday, July 25th: Trip ends! Students must depart from Los Angeles

Trip timeline: On July 15th, selected students will begin arriving in Burlington, Vermont, which is the headquarters for Hack Club. After a day/night of rest and get-to-know you activities, they will take a private bus to New York City for a day of sightseeing. The next day, they will begin their train journey, heading towards Chicago, Denver and San Francisco, where they will take a tour of GitHub or a major tech company, and out for dinner. From there, we'll travel to Los Angeles. Students will get time to relax on Venice Beach and tour SpaceX. Students will be expected to depart Los Angeles on July 25th.

Why Hacker Zephyr: Being a leader/founder/innovator in the 21st century requires more than technical aptitude. For the past year and a half, students have been confined to Zoom school. This summer, they'll be meeting people they'd never have the chance to meet otherwise, experiencing life lessons in cities they've never been to, navigating and collaborating, and seeing how coding and technology can apply to real life. Hack Club will follow all state and Amtrak regulations regarding COVID, and students must be vaccinated.

In Hack Club tradition, we'll bring the puzzles, mysteries, music, artwork and games to keep it reflective of our values: wholesome, kind, collaborative and optimistic.

What else? Parents should expect their child's technical aptitude to increase considerably. They will end the trip with a project they built. They'll gain friendships and connections with technical people their age, many of whom will go on to become the next generation of founders, builders and innovators. They will gain independence in a safe setting, with wholesome activities and a student-to-staff ratio of 6:1. Hack Club aims for a gender-balanced community. All staff have cleared background checks.

For questions, please reach Christina Asquith, Hack Club COO, at christina@hackclub.com.

Hack Club thanks the network of Silicon Valley philanthropists who make our programs, including The Hacker Zephyr, free and accessible to all teenagers. For more background on Hack Club, please see the Wall Street Journal article on our clubs <https://hack.af/wsj>

We're excited to take Hack Clubbers on an adventure!

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