Hack River Dell 2017
Event Rules

It is the responsibility of all participants of Hack River Dell to respect and abide by these rules during the event. These rules are in place to ensure that Hack River Dell will be fun and safe.

By participating in Hack River Dell 2017, you understand the rules stated below and participate being aware of these rules.

SECTION I. – Participation

Participants must be enrolled in a high school at the time of the event. All participants must bring the following to the event:

- A form of photo identification (i.e. school ID card, driver's license, passport, etc.)
- A valid school ID or document that certifies your enrollment in a high school.
- A laptop or desktop computer.
- A cell phone, if possible.
- Any necessary charging cables, power cords, and hardware applicable for your hack.

Participants should arrive for check-in between 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM. It is recommended that participants arrive before 9:00 AM to attend the opening ceremony.

There is not cost or fee to attend or participate in the event, including free food and drink.

Participants are expected to stay for the entire duration of the event. The duration of the event is subject to change, and may be extended. Participants who do not stay for the entire duration of the event are not eligible for judging or prizes. For security reasons, any participant that leaves the event will not be permitted re-entry.

Hack River Dell reserves the right to eject any participant from the event at any time.

Teams:

Participants may create their hack on their own, or create a team. While there is no limit to the number of people on a team, we recommend teams of up to 5 people. However, if your team wins, we will only be able to award up to five prizes per team regardless of your actual team size.

Hacking Rules:

Hackers may only hack in permitted areas as directed by the organizers. Any hacker that leaves the building will not be permitted re-entry. Hackers may not access any unauthorized or restricted areas of the building.

If a hack requires access to a well-ventilated area (i.e. if using a soldering iron), please contact an event organizer; there is a designated area for this.

Internet Access:

All participants will be allowed to access the River Dell High School guest network. All internet traffic on this network is monitored. Participants are expected to use proper judgment when using the network. The event organizers may remove or restrict access if necessary, at their own discretion.

SECTION II. – Submissions

To qualify for judging or awards, all hacks must be submitted to our Devpost by 11:00 AM on Sunday, November 19, 2017. If a hack is not submitted into Devpost by the deadline, that hack will not qualify for judging and will not be able to demo, effectively disqualifying the hack for an award. Hacks may only be worked on during the event runtime. Any hacks discovered to have been created prior to the event, or before hacking time had started will be disqualified at the discretion of the organizers.

Submission Requirements:

Submissions must contain the following to qualify for judging:

- The name of your hack/project.
- The names of all who participated in the creation of the hack (i.e. anyone who worked on the hack at the event, whether it was one person or a team of people)
- A working prototype, finished product, or demonstration (i.e. screenshots, videos, etc.) of the hack.
- Any additional materials you would like the judges to see.

Please be sure to also answer all questions in the submission form.

SECTION III. – Judging Process & Demo

To be judged, all hacks must present their hacks during the expo session. Judges will evaluate hacks during the expo. Hacks will be judged using the following criteria:

- **Creativity**
  - Is the hack creative or original?
  - Does it address a problem in a unique way, or take a new approach to an existing issue?
- **Polish and Execution**
  - Is the hack usable in its' current state?
  - Is the user experience smooth and/or usable?
  - Is the hack designed well?
  - Does everything work as intended or as described in a satisfactory manner?
- **Usefulness and Practicality**
  - Is the hack something people would actually use?
  - Does it have a clear, practical use/purpose?
- **Technical difficulty/level**
  - Is the hack technically difficult?
  - Did the hack require actual technical skill and ability?
  - Is the hack more than just an application of APIs?

The judges the top five hacks to demo their hacks on stage at the closing ceremony, in which the judges will choose the overall winner.

Demo requirements:

Hacks should have some sort of demonstration during the expo, including but not limited to:

- A hands-on demonstration.
- A slideshow presentation, such as PowerPoint, Google Slides, etc.
- Anything that is applicable for your hack.

SECTION IV. Code of Conduct

The purpose of Hack River Dell is to provide a safe, harassment-free environment for high school students to create an awesome hack.

Harassment includes offensive verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. Engaging in sexual language or activities, including distributing or displaying sexual imagery, is inappropriate for any hackathon venue, including talks, demos, workshops, parties, social media platforms, or other online media.

We will not tolerate any harassment of hackathon participants and attendees under any circumstance, or in any form, and expect all participants, staff, sponsors/vendors, speakers/guests to comply.

Sponsors and vendors may not use sexualized imagery, activities, or other materials. Booth staff, including volunteers, should not use sexualized clothing, costumes, or uniforms, and should not create a sexualized environment.

If a participant engages in harassing behavior, Hack River Dell organizers may take any action they deem appropriate. This includes a verbal warning or ejection from the event, and barring re-entry with no exceptions.

If you are being harassed, witness someone else being harassed, or have any concerns, please contact Hack River Dell staff immediately. All staff will be wearing special Hack River Dell t-shirts with the word "STAFF' printed on the back. You can also e-mail us at contact@hackriverdell.com.

Hack River Dell staff will be more than happy to provide participants the help they need, including contacting security, local law enforcement, providing escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the event. We value your attendance, safety, and well-being.

Please also review the Major League Hacking Code of Conduct as well. Participants are also required to comply with it as well.

All participants, speakers, sponsors/vendors, and volunteers are required to follow and respect the event Code of Conduct and the Major League Hacking (MLH) Code of Conduct.

SECTION V. – Consequences for not following rules

If a team or participant does not follow the rules stated in this document, the event organizers may take any action deemed appropriate at their own discretion, including permanent ejection from the event.

Hack River Dell reserves the right to add, modify, or remove rules at any time. It is the responsibility of all participants to be aware of rule changes.

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