

JUNE 13-14, 2014 | RACKSPACE HQ

1 Fanatical Place San Antonio, TX 78218

# **WELCOME TO SOHACKS**

THE LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL HACKATHON EVER

## JUDGES PACKET

#### DEAR SOHACKS JUDGE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR AGREEING TO JUDGE THIS EVENT. WE FELT THAT YOU WERE ONE OF THE BEST PEOPLE TO BE AT THIS EVENT BECAUSE OF THE REMARKABLE ADVANCES YOU HAVE MADE IN THE TECHNOLOGY FIELD AND THE INCREDIBLE ACTIVISM YOU HAVE SHOWN IN YOUR COMMUNITY. ON SATURDAY, YOU WILL BE GIVEN THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE THE WORKS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WHO ARE MAKING THEIR FIRST STEPS INTO THE WORLD OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE THEM ADVICE, WE KNOW THAT THEY WILL CERTAINLY VALUE IT FOR YEARS TO COME! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY AT THE SCHOOL'S OUT HACKATHON.

FROM, THE SOHACKS TEAM.

#### **TECHNICAL** (10 pts)

Advanced technology is all around us. At hackathons, products should use as many tools as possible to make sure that the product is the best it can be.



#### **CREATIVE** (10 pts)

Taking a creative approach to an issue is perhaps one of the key ideas behind a hackathon. Projects should exhibit some degree of creativity in their final product.

### **PROBLEM-SOLVING** (10 pts)

Projects should attempt to solve common problems in our society today. Solutions should be innovative and effective to earn full points in this category.

#### A well designed product tends to do well in today's marketplace, and so the hacks should show some element of good design in them. Whether it is flat or skeuomorphic, a design should be

(10 pts)

pleasing to the eye.



# Total of 40 pts.

You will mark your scoring on a private Google Drive document as you walk through the hack expo. Each table will be numbered!

If you are not familiar with hackathons or have any questions about judging, feel free to email us prior to the event at contact@sohacks.com. We will be happy to answer any questions before or during the event as well. Thanks for helping out!

### **Venue Location**

RACKSPACE GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS
1 FANATICAL PLACE
CITY OF WINDCREST
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78218



## JUDGING SCHEUDLE

Hack Demos/Judging

(2:45 PM - 4:30 PM)

ALL HACKS WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW. JUDGES WILL BE VIEWING HACKS AND PROJECTS AND WILL DECIDE ON THE PRIZE WINNERS.



Closing Ceremonies (4:30 PM - 6:00 PM)

TOP HACKS PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS. CLOSING SPEAKER.

**SEE YOU GUYS NEXT YEAR!** 



Before you arrive, please contact Cara Nichols at (210) 218-1208, so she can guide you to the pre-demo mandatory judges meeting.