

GENCYBER PROMP

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So I had read an article about the need for cybersecurity professionals and how government agencies were putting on these camps.

And what I liked about it was, of course, I didn't have to pay anything to come here.

There's a critical shortage of cybersecurity professionals in the United States, not just within government, but also within industry and academia. So the National Security Agency created the GENCYBER program to raise awareness in middle and high school students about the opportunities that are available to them in the cybersecurity field.

In addition to the program here at Marymount University in Washington, DC, NSA is sponsoring more than 130 GENCYBER camps at universities and academic institutions across the US--each offering a unique curriculum. Our goal is to have programs in all 50 states.

GENCYBER Camp is an opportunity for high school and middle school students to improve their knowledge of cybersecurity as a digital citizen and also to consider a career in cyber security.

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We did an activity or a lab where we looked for each other or we searched about stuff based on our family or just us on the Internet. I was shocked to see that a lot of pictures of my family were on Google images. It was really weird.

Well, I never really thought that, like, my phone would be something that I had to protect and our teacher talked about that a lot and how easy it was to get into it. And I was one of those people that has a four-digit pass code, which is...uh... I'll will change immediately.

DECLON: We were going through as slide show of the different types of attacks that hackers will go through to get your information. It's good to know where they're coming from so that you'll know where to look. It's been really beneficial coming here and seeing and talking to the people and hearing people who actually have worked in the field.

AMOL: We've had some guest speakers here from different companies and they've given us a lot of insight about, you know, the recruiting process and what exactly do they do at the different companies.

What I've learned at camp this week is really going to help me in my career because of the fact that it's really providing a good foundation for what I'm going to do as a career.

I think what I learned about cybersecurity is that it's not just one occupation. There's so many different things in cybersecurity that maybe one pathway will really speak to you when something else didn't.

AMOL: This is a great opportunity to see exactly what this entire field is about, I guess, just see what it's like before making a definite career choice.

The GENCYBER camps are open to middle and high school students and teachers, regardless of your experience level. It's a great resume builder. And best of all, the camps are free.

DECLAN: This is a field that's rapidly expanding right now. It's huge and it's in the news, probably daily. And so just having the opportunity to come down, especially to DC, and to meet the people who are in the thick of it and to build those connections... It's an incredible opportunity.

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