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## **COD to Host Youth Cyber Security Competition**

**PALM DESERT, CA** — College of the Desert instructors and students on Saturday will host a CyberPatriot regional competition featuring about 100 local middle and high school students who will perform various challenges that demonstrate their cyber security knowledge.

**What:** CyberPatriot X regional competition – part of a National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – with guest speaker James McFarlin, a local author and cyberwarfare expert

**When:** 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

**Where:** College of the Desert's Public Safety Academy Building Rooms 19A & 19B (PSA toward top right of the attached map)

**More Information:** Every summer, College of the Desert hosts two-week hands-on CODE workshops to teach cyber security, computer coding and ethical hacking to middle and high school students from throughout the Coachella Valley.

The college's CODE program is one of many examples of College of the Desert working with its K-12 partners in the Coachella Valley to introduce young students to the college environment and to help them learn more about finding their path to college. The summer sessions also introduce local middle and high school students to the possibilities of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) career.

**How to cover:** If you're interested in covering the event, please let us know by 11 a.m. Friday by contacting James Meier via email at [JMeier@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:JMeier@collegeofthedesert.edu) or phone at (760) 773-2589 (office) or (760) 848-8230 (cell).



**About College of the Desert:**

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 15,000 students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).

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