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Cybersecurity Learn-a-Thon
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New Year CAP Challenge: Take the Cisco Networking Academy Cyber Challenge

"Increase and enhance your understanding of the complicated cyber world."
— Cadet Capt. Timothy Logan

Civil Air Patrol is participating in the 2024 Cisco Networking Academy Cyber Challenge. This amazing FREE opportunity includes six courses, and the Career Path Exam to be completed by May 23, 2025. Members completing the CAP Cisco Networking Academy Cyber Challenge would have the skillset that could lead to an entry-level job opportunity in the cybersecurity industry, and all materials for the courses are FREE to ALL CAP members — both cadets and adults.

If you are a cadet or adult member that loves learning, someone who wants to learn more about cyber or thinking about a career in cyber, or someone who would like to earn a certification, the 2024 Cisco Networking Academy Cyber Challenge could be the opportunity you are looking for.

Participating in the Learn-a-Thon helps students prepare for the Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) cybersecurity certification focusing on topics covered in six courses: Introduction to Cybersecurity, Networking Basics, Networking Devices and Initial Configuration, Endpoint Security, Network Defense, Cyber Threat Management. These courses form the core curriculum of the Cybersecurity Career Path. There is no fee to participate in the Learn-A-Thon and every CAP member participating has a chance at

winning a voucher to sit for their CCST (Cisco Certified Support Technician) cybersecurity certification for FREE!

For our cadets, any cadet completing this challenge will be qualified to attend the Cyberspace Networking Course (CNC) at the 2025 National Cadet Special Activities.

One of the 74 members already registered for the Learn-A-Thon is South Carolina Wing's Cadet Advisory Council chair, Cadet Capt.Timothy Logan from Emerald City Composite Squadron. Logan registered for the Learn-A-Thon because "I felt that I needed to learn more about cybersecurity." He went on to say it was his "first real cyber experience," and when asked if he would recommend it, said, "I would highly recommend it as a go at your own pace opportunity to increase and enhance your understanding of the complicated cyber world."

The CAP Cisco Networking Academy Cyber Challenge is open to ALL members regardless of age or occupation. This is an opportunity to increase your knowledge and earn valuable certificates and digital badges that will enhance your career regardless of occupation.

Col. Brett Dolnick, the National Cyber Mission Team's Leader, said, "The education that CAP members receive for free from the course, whether for a future career, or for their own personal knowledge, is well worth their time, as we continue to innovate throughout CAP using cutting-edge technology as well as in our daily lives."

Start your cybersecurity journey today.

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