girls go cyberstart

Girls Go CyberStart empowers high school girls to join a global cybersecurity community, consider exciting career opportunities in a growing field, and learn skills that will ensure our country remains a safe place to live, work, and play online.

During the **free** program, you'll discover if you have a natural aptitude for cybersecurity, while developing skills and techniques that will give you a significant advantage if you choose to pursue a career in this profession. You don't need any prior experience in gaming or computer science to participate!

"This is so cool! I've had a blast going through the challenges and can't wait to do it again next year!"
– Girls Go CyberStart student

Have you got what it takes?

Girls Go CyberStart is a fun and interactive extracurricular program for high school girls. It consists of three stages, each featuring a series of digital challenges designed to introduce you to important concepts in the field of cybersecurity.

More than 6,600 high school girls played (and loved) Girls Go CyberStart in 2018!

Here's how it works:

cyberstart assess
First, discover if you have the raw talent and key traits to excel as a future cybersecurity expert!

cyberstart game
Next, work as a team and learn cybersecurity techniques, tackling real-world challenges as a junior agent.

cyberstart compete
Finally, the best teams from each participating state will compete in a national online 'Capture the Flag' competition.

Top performers from Game and Compete will **win cash prizes** and **college scholarships**!

Learn more at:
www.ggcs.online/student
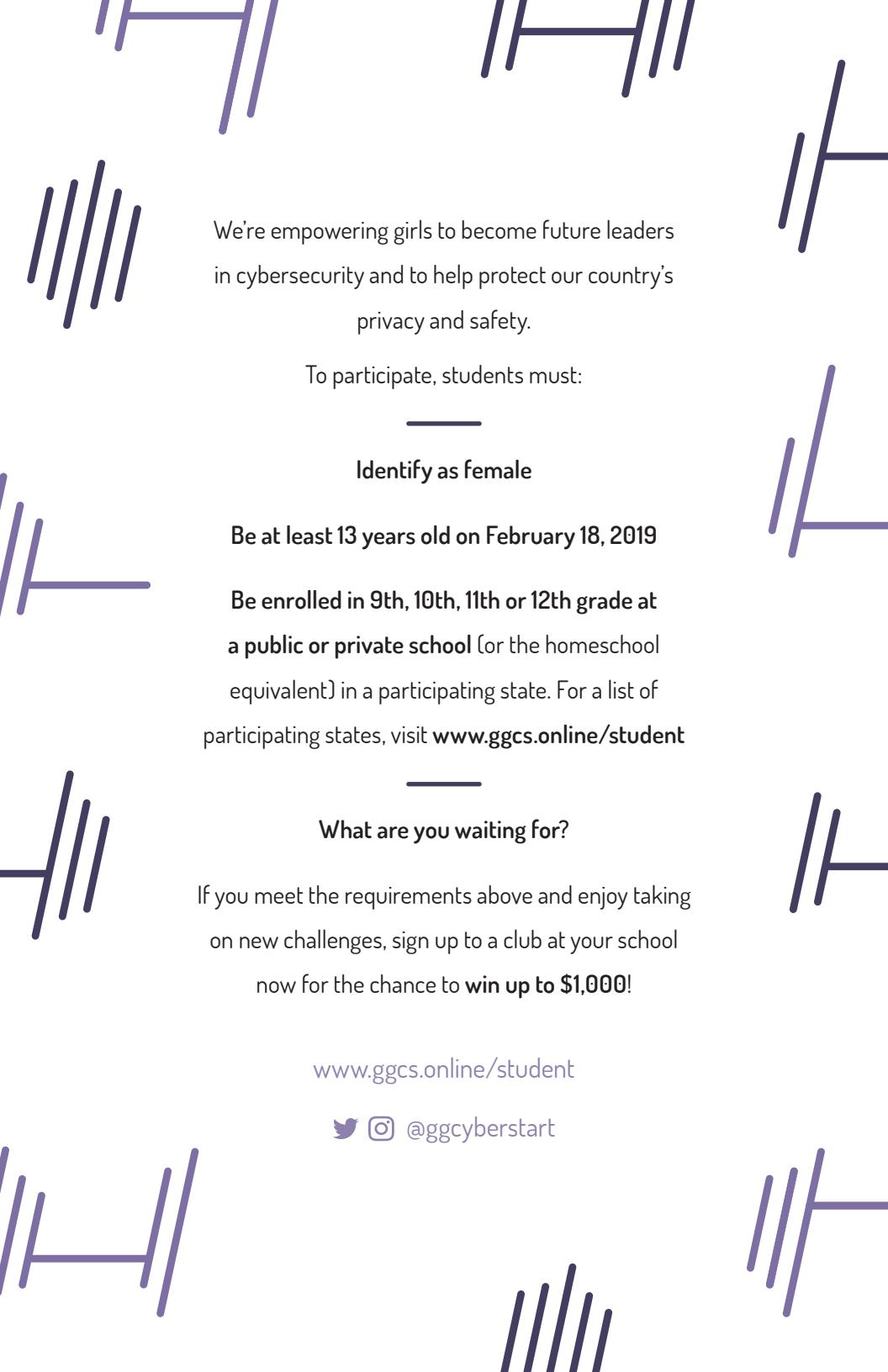🐦 📷 @ggcyberstart

Why is cybersecurity so important?

Cybersecurity protects the systems, networks and data that exist in our digital world. But what does that really mean, and what does a cybersecurity professional actually do?

Cybersecurity experts use logic and reason to understand, detect and thwart digital criminals. Their skills help protect businesses, prevent identity theft, and allow us all to feel safe working and playing online.

Working in cybersecurity often involves taking on the mindset of the bad guys and hackers to figure out how they might attack, and patching holes before they are able to wreak havoc. Some experts use forensic expertise to uncover deleted messages from digital devices, while others use programming skills to secure the next popular app.

As technology and the internet become a bigger part of our daily lives, cybersecurity becomes more essential for our privacy and safety. It is a challenging but rewarding industry.

Could you be the next leader in cybersecurity?

We're empowering girls to become future leaders in cybersecurity and to help protect our country's privacy and safety.

To participate, students must:

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Identify as female

Be at least 13 years old on February 18, 2019

Be enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade at a public or private school (or the homeschool equivalent) in a participating state. For a list of participating states, visit **www.ggcs.online/student**

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What are you waiting for?

If you meet the requirements above and enjoy taking on new challenges, sign up to a club at your school now for the chance to **win up to $1,000**!

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