Cyber Defense Competition (CDC): Sponsorship Opportunities
2017 – 2018

Cyber Defense Competitions provide a hands-on environment for students to learn about practical information assurance in a fast-paced and real-world environment. Teams of competitors are given several weeks prior to the competition to build and secure a network that provides required services. These networks are then attacked by a team (Red Team) of security practitioners from a wide spectrum of industries across the Midwest. **We welcome employees from companies to participate as a member of the red team during the Saturday attack phase.** The goal of the red team is to compromise the student networks. Real-time scoring is based upon the security of their networks, quality of their documentation, usability of their systems (as scored by competition guests on the Green Team), and their participation in other fun events during the course of the competition. The CDC starts at noon on Friday, where the students finish their setup. At 8 am on Saturday the competition starts and red team begins their attack. The competition ends around 4 pm on Saturday.

Information Assurance Center puts on four collegiate CDC’s every year: two ISU-only competitions (fall and spring), a community college competition (fall), and a national competition (spring), in which the top teams from ISU and the community college competitions may compete. The ISU-only CDCs typically have close to 150 students from various academic departments participating. The ISU Information Assurance Center has opportunities for you to help support the student centered activities. The generous support of our sponsors enables the center to provide real world educational opportunities through cyber defense experiences. Sponsorship money is used for general support and to provide food, tee shirts, and prizes to the student participants.

**CDC Sponsorship**

We offer two sponsorship levels for our four collegiate CDCs. All levels of sponsorship will be recognized throughout the competitions. Friday evening is set aside for our sponsors to interact with the student participants. Sponsors are encouraged to setup a table to showcase their employment opportunities on both Friday and Saturday. All sponsors can display their company logo on our CDC web site and during the competition on the score board. Sponsors have an opportunity to give a short presentation on Saturday during one of the break times. Gold level sponsors are allowed to display a banner during the competition. Companies can also provide items for random drawings during the various competition.

- **Gold Level:** (All four collegiate CDCs) $2,500
- **Cardinal Level:** (A single collegiate CDC) $1,000

**2017-18 CDC Dates**

- ISU CDC: October 6/7, 2017
- Community College CDC: November 10/11, 2017
- National CDC: February 2/3, 2018
- ISU CDC: March 23/24, 2018

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