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### **Last week to register for City's first-ever Youth Hackathon**

Sign up now for Campbell River's first-ever Youth Hackathon.

On May 2 and 3, the City of Campbell River, in collaboration with the Youth Action Committee (YAC), will present its first-ever hackathon, free for students in Grades 9 to 12 at the Sportsplex. The winning team will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and the chance to present their idea to Council. Cash prizes will also be awarded to second (\$600) and third place teams (\$400).

The Campbell River Hackathon is an innovation marathon where students will work in teams of four to develop solutions using technology to promote a youth-friendly city. The 10 hours of brainstorming and innovating will run May 2 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and continue May 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. YAC members are asking peers what vision they hold for the future of Campbell River's youth and encouraging them to create the change of tomorrow through creativity and collaboration.

Knowledge of coding is not required, and participants will be assisted by mentors to guide them through the technological process.

*"There's been a lot of excitement among local mentors and sponsors for this Hackathon,"* noted Rose Klukas, economic development officer. *"We have entrepreneurs from a number of fields there to encourage and support youth as they develop their ideas and platforms."*

The City gratefully acknowledges the support of all sponsors. Gold level sponsors include SuavAir, The Kammersgard Family Trust, Creative Industries Council and Izco Technology Solutions. In-kind sponsors are Boleyn Media Group, Thrifty Foods and Ripen.

The Campbell River Hackathon is hosted in partnership with the City's Youth Action Committee, IT Department and Economic Development's *Modern Entrepreneur Series*.

Visit [campbellriverhackathon.eventbrite.ca](http://campbellriverhackathon.eventbrite.ca) to register now, as spaces are limited. Food will be provided at the event.

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