

Shark Tank Competition

Cisco System's Connected Asian Affinity Network (CAAN) in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina (RTP, NC) will be hosting Cisco RTP's first Shark Tank competition for middle school students attending any middle school in the Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill).

The Shark Tank competition will run from **March 15, 2017 to April 17, 2017** with two events: 1 kickoff event (March 15) and final Shark Tank event (April 17).

Each student in the winning team will receive a voucher to attend a technology camp of their choosing through iD Tech Camps, valued up to \$999.

Cisco RTP's Shark Tank 2017 competition aims to:

- Foster STEM interest, understanding, and awareness among Asian and Pacific Islander students at an early age
- Introduce students to Cisco's campus and offerings through an employee-led tour
- Empower and educate young students through Cisco's partnership with iD Tech Camps – *This is a rare opportunity for students to win a chance to attend an award-winning, high-quality technology camp for free!*

What is Shark Tank?

Student teams will be tasked to identify a problem or challenge that can be mitigated through a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math solution. The student team will work closely together to creatively deliver their concept to a panel of judges, selected amongst Cisco employees.

How can I participate?

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQ56M8V>

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Students must identify as Asian or Pacific Islander (origins in Far East, Southeast Asia, Indian subcontinent, or Pacific Islands)
- 2) Students must be enrolled in a Triangle-area (Raleigh, Durham, or Chapel Hill) middle school (grades 6-8)

What should students be prepared for?

Be prepared to:

- 1) Form a team of 5 middle-school students. Students do not have to attend the same middle school. Students should use the registration form to join a team.
 - a. Student teams will be announced at the kickoff event on **March 15, 2017**.
- 2) If students choose to create his/her own team of 5, e-mail **caan-sharktank-2017@external.cisco.com** with team members' names and e-mail addresses.
 - a. All students must register online before the kickoff on **March 15, 2017**.

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- 3) Be creative and present your concept with your team at the Shark Tank on **April 17, 2017**.
 - a. Your concept must be a prototype, visual presentation, or any creative visual with accompanying verbal presentation.
 - b. Details will be announced at the kickoff event on **March 15, 2017**.

What does the winning team receive?

The winning team will receive vouchers (one per student) redeemable for a week-long iD Tech Camp (<https://www.idtech.com/>) where students can learn about a subject of their choosing: App Development, Game Design, Robotics, and more! This voucher is valued at up to \$999.

Dates to Keep in Mind:

Kickoff event on Cisco's campus: **March 15, 2017**

- Virtual attendance is permitted. In advance of the date, you will receive a WebEx invitation with instructions to download the plug-in.

Presentation and Shark Tank Competition on Cisco's campus: **April 17, 2017**

- In-person attendance is required.

You will receive campus location details one week before the kickoff on March 15, 2017.

Questions? E-mail caan-sharktank-2017@external.cisco.com