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# NetRiders (High School) Registration Opens February 25!

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Please share with your eligible high school students today! The Spring 2013 Cisco NetRiders Skills Competition is open to Cisco Networking Academy high school/secondary students in the United States (including US Department of Defense offshore academies) and Canada (not available in Quebec). This is a great opportunity for students to compete in teams of two (2) to test their ICT/networking skills and gain recognition with potential employers. Competitors have the chance to win cash prizes and free CCNA certification vouchers. In addition, the instructor/proctor of the top 3 teams will win a \$150 Visa Gift Card in recognition for their commitment to student achievement!

IMPORTANT: The NetRiders competition must be proctored in each round. Instructors can select a date within the given time period that works best for their teams during Rounds 1 and 2. Round 3 is administered as a live virtual event.

- Eligible students should have enrolled in IT Essentials or CCNA (Discovery or Exploration) within the last 9 months at a high school/secondary institution (or for high school credit at a post-secondary institution)
- Students will be required to compete in teams of two (2)
- Each student must have a valid Academy Connection or Cisco NetSpace username and password to register
- Be sure to give your students the following Enrollment Key for registration: hs-uscan-2013
- Registration opens here on February 25: www.academynetriders.com (Rules and FAQs can be found under Regions/USA and Canada)
- Students should register, take a Practice Test, and complete the Team Selection task during the registration period.
- Instructors also need to register during the registration period.

## New 'Members Only' Password

The password for the members only section on the website is ascp2013. Also, all of the newsletters are located under 'resources.' Check out these new and improved tabs at www.theascp.org!

## IT Essentials 5.0 Available Now on Cisco NetSpace

Cisco Networking Academy is pleased to announce general availability of the English version of the IT Essentials (ITE) 5.0 curriculum. All course materials are available for immediate use on the Cisco NetSpace cloud-based learning environment.

New topics in this version include mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones and client side virtualization. The Microsoft Windows 7 operating system, networking, troubleshooting, and security topics have been updated and expanded-making the course more relevant to the ICT skills needed for current entry-level jobs.

New assessments include a checkpoint exam, practice final exam, and practice certification exams. The certification practice exams are targeted for release in March 2013. Diagnostic feedback is available for all assessments to support learning and remediation.

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