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San Bernardino Valley College Hosts First CyberCamp for Inland Empire Teens

The camp was designed to get middle and high school students excited about STEM careers and cyber security.

SAN BERNARDINO, CA (July 25, 2016) – Over the course of a week, 27 middle and high school students from across the Inland Empire learned about internet safety and cyber security during a special camp hosted by San Bernardino Valley College.

The AFA CyberCamp ran from July 11 to 15 on the SBVC campus, and was designed to get students excited about STEM career opportunities and cyber security. The campers were taught how to secure Windows and Linux computers from cyberattacks. Linux is an alternative to Windows, used for internet servers by many companies, and most of the campers had never worked on Linux computers before.

"The camp is excellent preparation for any student who is interested in studying computer technology," Roger Powell, professor of computer science and computer information, said. "They expand their Windows skills and learn about new technologies such as Linux. This is a fun way to learn as most of the instruction is hands-on with computers.

Learning about cyber security is "immediately helpful," Powell said, and is a career field experiencing high demand. On the last day of camp, the students participated in a timed competition to work on securing Windows and Linux computers. They earned points for making the system secure and lost points if they did something that made the computers less secure.

"It was a great way to see how much they learned," Powell said.



About San Bernardino Valley College

San Bernardino Valley College is a comprehensive community college in the heart of Southern California that provides quality education and services that support a diverse student body. A regional leader in career and technical education, San Bernardino Valley College serves over 12,000 students every semester and offers over 140 degrees, certificates and transfer programs to four-year institutions. San Bernardino Valley College is part of the San Bernardino Community College District.

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