CfIA Will Host GenCyber Boot Camps for Students This Summer

March 22, 2017 - The Center for Information Assurance (CfIA) at the University of Memphis will host GenCyber boot camps again this summer.

Last year 70 students participated in GenCyber boot camps. Thanks to funding from the National Security Agency and the National Science Foundation, CfIA will hold two camps for 100 students this year. "Learning about cyber privacy issues in mobile apps and risks in web surfing are becoming increasingly important for students in their school years so they can better prepare themselves to deal with the current situation and for future challenges," said Dr. Dipankar Dasgupta, camp organizer and CfIA director.

The camps will cover various aspects of cyber hygiene, including privacy, security and safe Internet browsing. Students will be introduced to cyber ethics and engage in hands-on sessions that will allow them to experience real-world data security issues. "This is a unique opportunity for students to learn about cyber security programs and career paths at the University of Memphis, a nationally designated Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance," said Dasgupta.

There will be one-week sessions for middle- and high-school students. The middle school camp will be held June 12-16; the high school camp will be June 19-23. As part of the camps, students will work in teams to create a group project. They will also get a chance to tour the UofM campus and meet cyber security experts and industry professionals.

GenCyber camp registration is free for all participants. To register for either camp, visit memphis.edu/cfia/projects/gencyber.php.

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