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By submitting an application for entrance to 59DaysOfCode | Kern County, you agree to and are bound by the following rules:

GENERAL

- To participate in 59DaysOfCode | Kern County, you must be at least 16 years old. The competition is open to individuals or teams of any size.
- If you are selected as a winner, you agree that the 59DaysOfCode (“59DOC”) and the competition Grand Council (the “Council”) may publicize your name, likeness, and the description of work you did to win the competition, as well as any information provided to us in your profile or in communicating with you during the competition. Apart from the prizes associated with being selected as a winner, the Council shall not be obligated to compensate you in any way for such publicity.
- As a competitor, you agree that the 59DaysOfCode (“59DOC”) and the Grand Council (the “Council”) may publicize your name, likeness, and the description of work you are doing in the competition, as well as any information provided to us in your application, public GitHub profile, or in communicating with you during the competition. 59DOC shall not be obligated to compensate you in any way for such publicity.
- One cash prize each will be awarded to the first place, second place, and third place entries in each category. If the winning entry is submitted by more than one individual, the prize will be presented to the person that you designate during the second part of the application (the “Awardee”) who submits the winning entry.
- Odds of winning depend on the number and quality of entries received. All taxes, including income taxes, are the sole responsibility of winners. No prize substitution is permitted. Winner(s) may be required to verify their entry.
- At least one key member from the team must reside or own a business in the San Joaquin Valley (Kern, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, San Luis Obispo, or San Joaquin County). Presence will be verified before prizes are awarded.
- Entries from outside the U.S. are permitted. All entries must include an English-language explanation of the design.
- Some of the registration process is partially subjective, and the outcome of the registration process cannot be disputed.
- You agree to participate in at least two mandatory check-ins over the course of the 59 days. One will be between kickoff and pencils down and the other will be at the Grand Expo (we will release the schedule for these mandatory check-ins AFTER the applicants have been chosen to compete).
- All hardware and software needed for you to build your project or prototype must be supplied by you, or your team, and should not rely on externally provided resources. The 59DaysOfCode Grand Council cannot provide technical help other than power and WiFi connectivity on the day of the Expo.

- Any person or team caught cheating during public voting and/or People's Choice will be immediately disqualified from the competition and ineligible to win any category.
- Submissions must be for web, mobile, desktop, and hardware applications.
- **Entries must not infringe on any third-party rights and will be reviewed for content.**

REGISTRATION AND PROCESS

The application fee schedule for one (1) project is as follows:

- \$50 for a team (suggested team size is between three to five people).
- The last day to register is Friday, September 20, 2019 (two weeks after competition kickoff).

You may submit multiple projects in multiple categories. Keep copies of your registration for your records. The Council assumes no responsibility for lost, misdirected, illegible or late entries or for failed computer transmissions or technical failures.

To get started, complete the registration form at:

<https://59daysofcode.org/events/59daysofcode-kern-county/>

At this stage, you are required to submit:

1. What is your team name?
2. What is the name of your project?
3. Which category does this project fit under?
 - a. No Code
 - b. In Progress
4. Describe your project in three sentences or less.
5. What problem(s) does your project solve?
6. Who are you solving a pain point for? Describe the specific end-user for your project.

REGISTRATION ACCEPTANCE

The Grand Council will begin viewing registration entries starting Monday, August 8, 2019 and will continue to review entries until the deadline for late registration, which is Friday, September 20, 2019 at 11:59pm. (All competitors who apply after the Clock Starts on September 7th accept that they are at a disadvantage with less time.)

While reviewing registration forms, the Grand Council will look for the following attributes (the more affirmative responses, the better):

- Is this project unique or innovative?
- Will it show well at a public showcase? (readiness, scope, appropriateness)
- Is there a definable end-user for this project?
- Is this project original? (i.e. is this a better mouse-trap?)
- Is there a clear use of funds if this project wins in its category?
- Is the team likely to maintain a material presence in the San Joaquin Valley?

THE COMPETITION PERIOD

Entrants for both No Code and In Progress tracks may begin work at 12:00:01 am Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Code may be checked in up to 11:59:59 pm (PST) on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

CATEGORIES

59DaysOfCode | Kern County will provide the stage for you to showcase your skills. There are two areas in which you can compete:

No Code

No Code entries are idea-stage projects that you will have 59 days to build (see judging). **These are projects for which you have not written code.** Documentation may be pre-existing, but no pre-written code is allowed. If you are building your project atop or alongside an open-source project, the full license of that project must be provided (see rules), as well as current and accessible links to the project authors/host. (In other words, you **MUST** be able to demonstrate the "open-sourceness" of the project.) While we trust in the integrity of our competitors, all No Code entries are subject to an inspection process (led by professional software engineers) to ensure there are no "jump-started" projects in this category.

In Progress

Ideas that are in-progress or have been left on the shelf to gather dust have the chance to show themselves in this category. These projects may already be out on the market for a limited audience, or a work-in-progress altogether. The entries in this category will go through the registration process in which reviewers will weigh in on the "In-Progressness" of your project.

SOURCE CONTROL

- You agree to use the Source Control System (the "System") of our choosing. Credentials to the System will be provided when and if your project is chosen to compete in the competition. By submitting an application for your project, you agree to use this system for the duration of the competition.

- The intellectual property pertaining to your project is owned fully by your team and shall not be compromised by the 59DaysOfCode Grand Council, but we reserve the right to inspect the projects' files and progress as we see fit and without warning.
- The winning team must have all FINAL files submitted to the system prior to the official end of the coding period (11:59:59 pm (PST) on Wednesday, November 6, 2019).

JUDGING

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges chosen by the 59DaysOfCode Grand Council. The judges shall have the sole authority and discretion to select the award recipient(s). The judges will grade entries using the following criteria:

There are three parts to the competition in which judges play a role:

1. The Pitch: Your team's software solution and its viability.
 - a. Private pitch to the judges. Explain your solution and its usefulness.
2. The Arena: Evaluation at the Grand Expo.
 - a. How functional is your solution? How much does the crowd like it? Judges get the opportunity to review the code and to demo or use your solution.
3. The Grand Finale: Five minute Main Stage presentation.
 - a. The final teams will present their solution and business plan live to the judges and general audience.

The judges will be looking for specific qualities. All teams will receive a final score based on observations from The Pitch and The Arena; the top teams from each category will move on to the finals. These teams will receive a new score during The Grand Finale.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The following judging criteria will be used for both tracks. Each criterion will be rated on a scale of 1-10. Scores from The Pitch and The Arena will be added together, and the top teams will then compete again in The Grand Finale and get new scores.

Scoring will be allocated as follows:

- Round 1 - The Pitch
 - Business Viability - 50%
 - Design - 20%
 - Presentation - 15%
 - Impact - 15%

- Round 1 - The Arena
 - Code - 55%
 - Design - 20%
 - Presentation - 15%
 - Business Viability - 10%

- Round 2 - The Grand Finale
 - Business Viability - 30%
 - Code - 27.5%
 - Design - 20%
 - Presentation - 15%
 - Impact - 7.5%

NOTIFICATION

The winning entries will be announced on November 16, 2019 during the awards portion of the event. Further, the winning entries will be publicized on the 59DaysOfCode.org site and in the media in the days and weeks following the close of the competition. Competitors must be present at the Grand Expo to win. Unclaimed prizes will not be awarded.