# Make It Happen
Hack Club Scrapbook: 2024

Dear Supporter,

Hack Club's motto is **by teenagers, for teenagers.**

In 2024, we saw strong growth: teenagers built and deployed nearly 6,000 technical projects, explored cybersecurity through real-world hacking experiences, and moved more than $37 million electronically through Hack Club Bank. In total, they oversaw events reaching over 5,000 teenagers nationwide; **and collectively spent 18.5 years coding.**

We tripled the size of our full-time teen staff and made a bold, permanent commitment—Hack Club's staff will be **50% teenagers, always.** Through their leadership, teens tackled the frontiers of AI, created after-school coding clubs, organized nearly 100 live, in-person events across the country, and forged thousands of friendships.

"At Hack Club, I did way more than I ever thought I was capable of doing." - Malycia, 17, WA, who ran a Seattle hackathon.

We can't predict the future economy, but Hack Club is creating a culture and boundless community where teenagers acquire real-world, applied skills to shape it. Hack Club is a space rooted in curiosity, kindness, determination, optimism and confidence gained from mastery. This is all possible because of you.

Thank you for your generosity. Your support is transforming lives.

With deep gratitude,
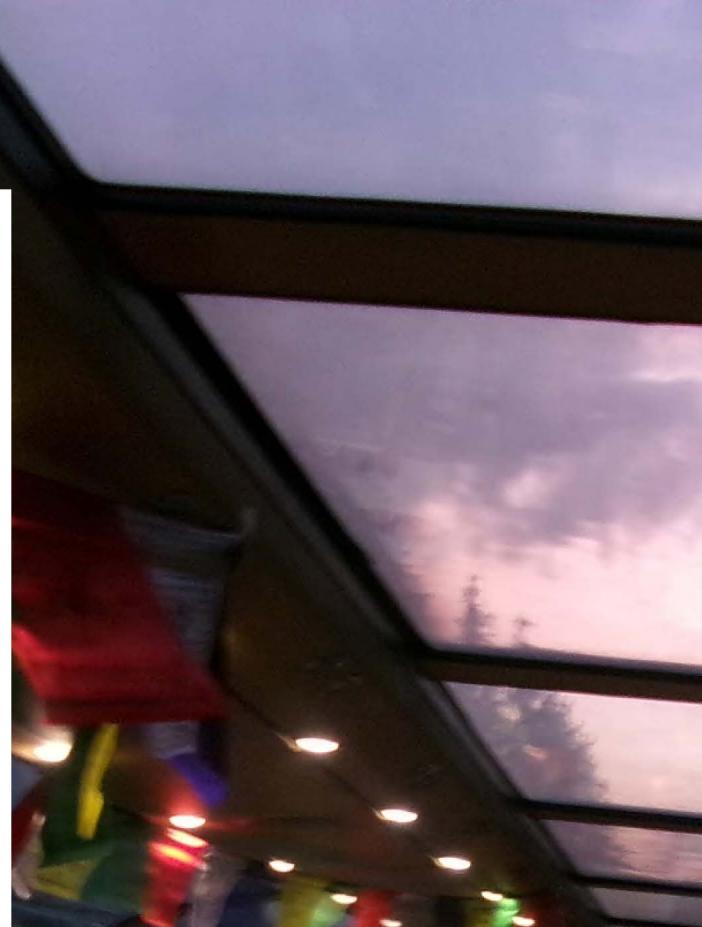
Christina Asquith
Co-founder
christina@hackclub.com

"What makes a great Hack Club event is three things: the friends you meet, the projects that you build together, and the adventures you go on."
-Zach Latta, Founder

Aboard **The Boreal Express**, a Hack Club summer event

1,000 teens

Hack Club
Taking risks,

The Summit

A weekend summit with 50 Hack Club leaders held in San Francisco, complete with workshops and amazing projects.
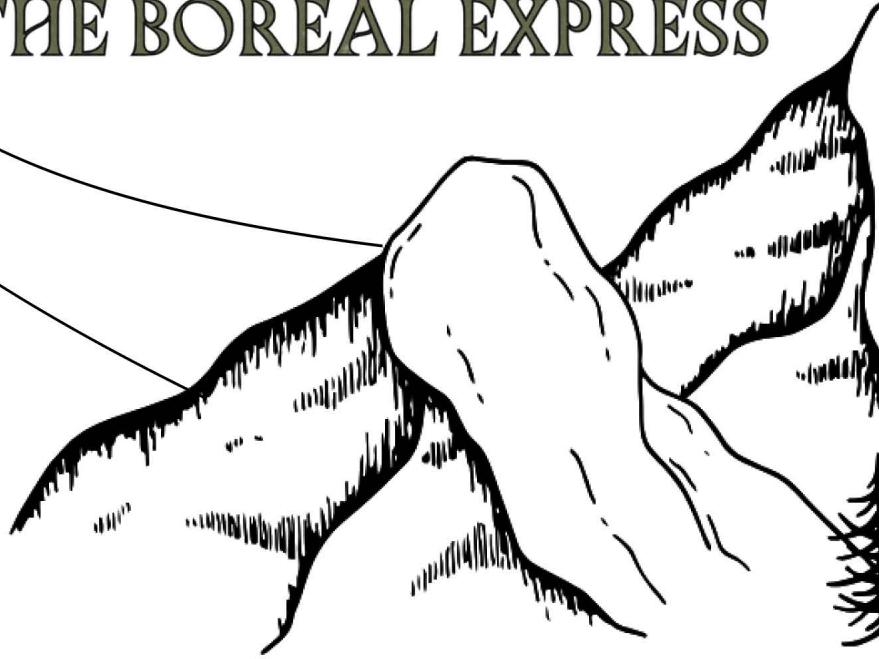
"yall were the most inspiring, chaotic, and interesting group i've met like EVER!"

- posted by Peter Yao on the #the-summit slack channel

THE BOREAL EXPRESS

A transcontinental, hackathon across Canada. 7 Nights, 8 Days, 50 Hackers, 1 train.

Adventures
becoming leaders
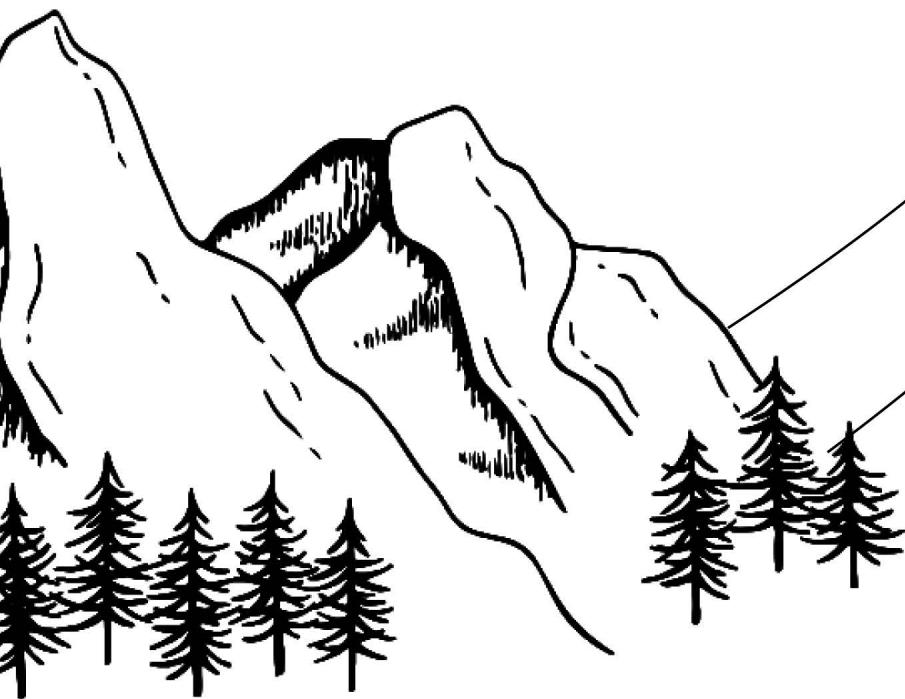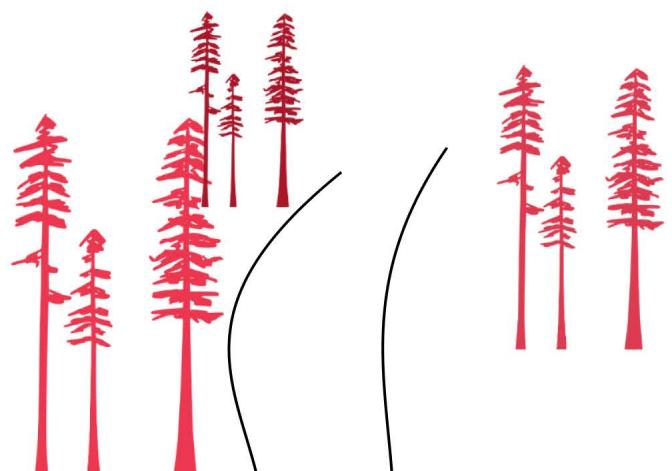
16 locations

The Trail

A 7-day long hike-a-thon, where Hack Clubbers used and shared equipment created in their clubs to hike the Pacific Crest Trail.

"Sometimes building projects that are at the limit of your abilities feels like being a crazy person (both to yourself & to people you're around), but that's the fun of it to an extent."

- Thomas, organizer of The Trail and Clubs Program Lead @ Hack Club

21st Century Education

## The world's largest technical chat room for teenagers

Hack Club's Online Community brings over 56,000 teenagers together to share their projects, find community, and learn from each other for free.

What teenagers say:

ascpixi Mar 26th at 3:04 PM
i would like to say, completely unprompted, that woaw hack club's so cool...

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pbhak Mar 21st at 5:31 PM
hack club is a great way to introduce people to coding!

not having programming knowledge has never been a barrier to accessing hack club

astra.celestine 🔴 Mar 16th at 11:40 AM
hack club hack club hack club hack club hack club

krunch 7:55 PM
a ✨hack club✨ hackathon

Abhay 🐱 Feb 2nd at 10:08 AM
Bro you should have hacked them back, YOU ARE IN HACK CLUB!
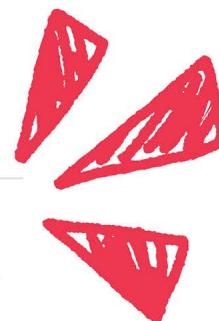
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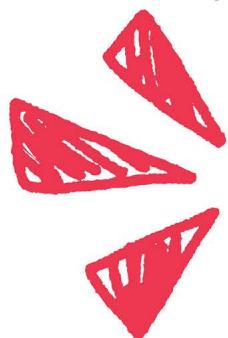
shayaan 💬 1:40 PM
how do i work for hack club

i wanna work for hack club

jelatynn Jul 15th, 2024 at 9:11 AM
I LOVE HACK CLUB!

6 replies

MohitTiwariDev Jul 15th, 2024 at 9:11 AM
WE LOVE IT TOOOO ‼️‼️‼️ 🗣️🗣️🗣️

56,500 members
+21,024 in 2024

896,775 messages
5,317 channels

HACK CLUB

"Seeing everyone's cool projects built alongside mine reminded me that I'm not the only person who passionately cares about and appreciates making things."

-16 year-old, Florida

After-School Tech Clubs
Led by teenagers

850 clubs in schools
400 new in 2024

"club fair ✅✅"
-Isaac in #leaders slack channel

"We had fun with stickers at Hiram High School Hack Club today!"
-Kacper in #leaders slack channel

HACK CLUB

Ever wanted to learn how to code but never knew where to start? Join our branch of the Hack Club nonprofit to learn, practice, and earn rewards together!

Class Code:
of529kl
Meeting Dates:
Tuesday after school:
2:20 – 4:00 – Room 777
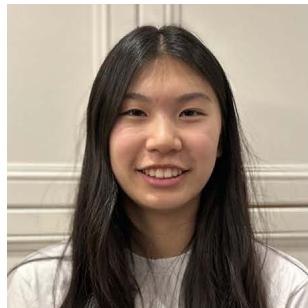
Classroom   Hack Club HQ

Questions?
Email 2026andres414@student.whps.org
or 2025amanis413@student.whps.org

I WANT YOU TO #BEHERE
JOIN HACK CLUB

Posters collected in the **#leaders** slack channel

Highlight: Zion Heights Club

This Hack Club is run by Caroline and Edlyn. Learn about their club!
https://edlynto.github.io/ZionHackClub/

"My favourite part about being a club leader is sharing the excitement of coding with others."
-Edlyn

"My favourite part of being a club leader is witnessing how we inspire kids to pursue coding."
-Caroline

Hackathons
Teen-led, 24-hour coding marathons

Wonderland - Boston, February '24
More than 100 students built projects

CrabHacks, a hackathon for underserved
communities in Bethesda, MD

Blossom, an all-girls hackathon in Atlanta, GA

Highlight: Kigali, Rwanda - Hack Noel

Hack Noel was a hackathon run on Hack Club Bank. It helped over 60 students from high schools across different communities learn coding and technical skills.

"So many students from different schools came together, shared ideas, and built amazing projects."

-Shyaka Chaste, organizer of Hack Noel

Bringing Girls into STEM

In 2024, 400 young women coded at 9 hackathons led by high school girls in Hack Club

All-Girl Hackathons Hosted In:
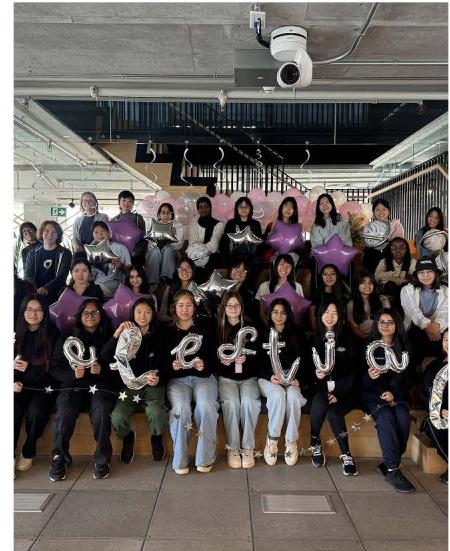
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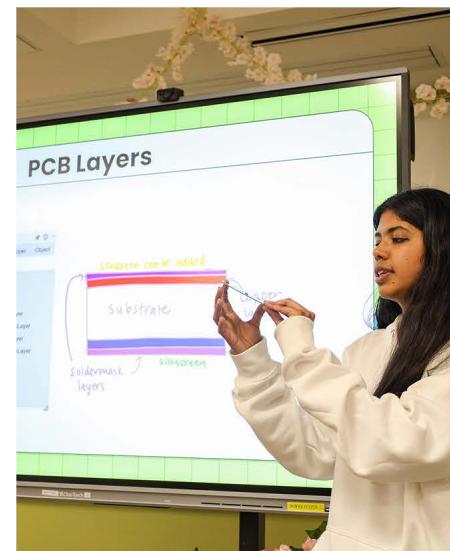
Partnerships Included:

- Code Next
- Girls Who Code
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Kode with Klossy
- Girl Scouts
- Power to Girls Foundation
- Renton School District

A hackathon hosted at Shopify in Toronto

"A little bit of mentorship on an independent project could motivate a girl to believe she was capable."

-Sahiti, organizer of Blossom

Hack Club and SpaceX hosted the largest all-girls high school hackathon of 2024.

Hack Club Bank (HCB)

A transparent financial services platform building real-life skills for teens

**4,997** teen users
$500,000 raised
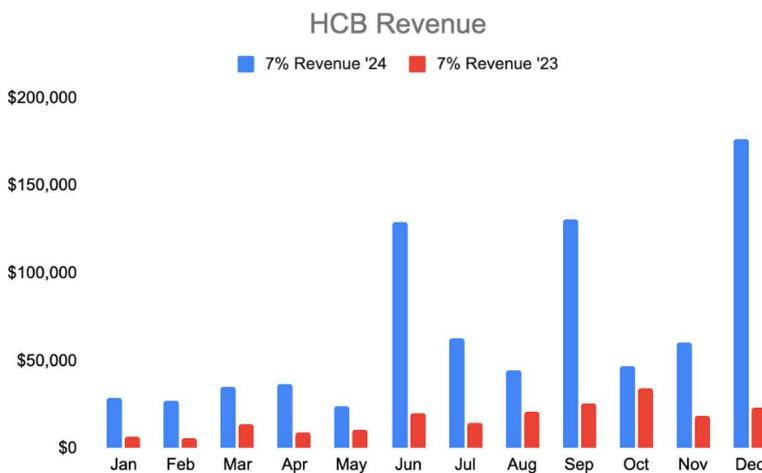
109 hackathons
$35,000 in grants

Hack Club allows teens to do real things in the real world. A financial platform built in 2018 by teenagers, HCB crossed $37 million in transactions in 2024 — **our highest ever**. Unlike every other nonprofit, we run our finances transparently.

80% of HCB's engineering team is under 18 years old

Hack Club employs teens: Led by a 22 year old Tech Lead, teens get real world experience.

HCB Revenue

■ 7% Revenue '24 ■ 7% Revenue '23

In 2024...

108,539 transactions

2,766 new HCB orgs

35 teens pushed code to HCB's codebase

Career training

For teenagers, by teenagers

Career Skills Learned

- Software and data engineering
- AI and Machine Learning
- Cybersecurity and system architecture

Founded by a teenager, Hack Club is committed to a unique staffing goal: **50% of its team is teenagers.**

Our **30 interns** and **12 gap year students**, who represent over 12 countries, have incredible autonomy to determine Hack Club's direction for other teenagers.

In 2024, they built and shipped programs for tens of thousands of other teenagers, ran events, conceptualized and created all our media, interacted with donors, oversaw travel, and managed enormous budgets.

After high school, Hack Club alumni go on to do big things in the world. A few examples:

NEURALINK   NASA   Apple   MiT Massachusetts Institute of Technology   Berkeley UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA   Y

YSWS: You Ship,

When YOU ship a technical project at
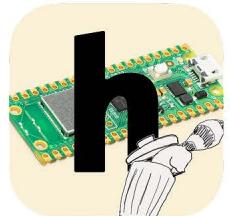
5,339 projects shipped by Hack Clubbers

+5,090 since 2023

Studying computer science in class is **easy**. Shipping a technical project publicly on the internet is **hard**. Hack Club gets kids out of "classroom mode" and into "hacker mode."

Boba Drops is a YSWS program started in 2024. Beginner students learned foundational web development skills to deploy their very first websites.

In exchange for students shipping complete websites, Hack Club gave students free Boba Tea!

The Bin is an electronic YSWS program started in 2024. Students created their own PCB, or Personal Circuit Board.

When students submitted their finished PCB designs, Hack Club sent them beginner hardware kits for free!

We Ship

Hack Club, we ship YOU a prize!

As far as Hack Club knows, High Seas was the largest and most successful coding event for high schoolers **ever**.

"High Seas really helped reignite my love for programming again."
- **Chloe, age 18, Riverside County, CA**

21,030 students signed up
162,665 hours logged coding on GitHub

*that's 18.5 years of coding!

Homeade minecraft server
1.3k stars on GitHub
-Created by a hack-clubber, age 16
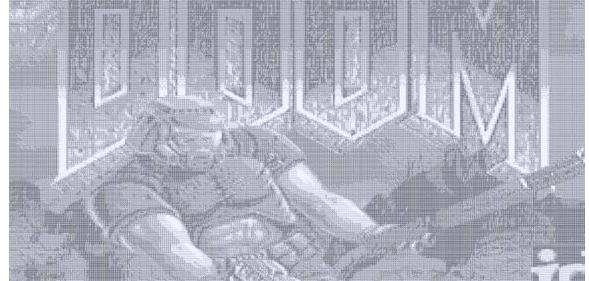
Doom... but in a pdf
3.2k stars on GitHub
-Created by Allen, age 15

Philanthropy

$5.2 million raised in donations in 2024

Growing Impact, not Spend

Hack Club is seeing strong growth. In the last year, the number of teenagers completing technical projects at Hack Club has grown from **249** to **5,306**, while our spend has only grown from **$4.3m** to **$4.52m**.

Our spend grew 5.1%. Our impact grew 2,100%.

We achieve efficiency by:

- Headquartered in a small Vermont town with low rents

- Half our staff are teenagers; we keep a focused team of 25 and have no assistants or fundraising staff

- 80% of our team are engineers (problem-solving wizards)

Teenagers learn to manage money:

In 2024 teens directly managed more than $500k to implement CS programs for other teens. Teens distributed another $500k to other teens in technical prizes for coding in our competitions. **Through HCB, teens executed 108.539 financial transactions, moving over $37 million.**

And Finances

Board of Directors:

Zach Latta
Founder

Christina Asquith
Co-founder

Tom Preston-Warner
Co-founder, GitHub

Quinn Slack
CEO, Sourcegraph

Advisors:

Michael Dell
CEO, Dell Technologies

John Abele
Founder, Boston Scientific

Revenue:

Donations - HQ	$5,180,000
Bank Fee Revenue and Other	$1,045,000
Total Revenue	$6,226,000

Expenses:

Payroll, Taxes and Benefits	$2,604,000
Program Expenses	$935,000
Operation Expenses	$885,000
Bank Fees and Other	$96,000
Total Expenses	$4,521,000
Net Change in Assets:	$1,705,000

Hack Club in the Media
Hopeful stories of a hopeful generation

100+ videos   **2.3m** likes

25.6m views   **1,100%** view increase

1,157%+ in likes from 2023-2024

1,180%+ in views from 2023-2024

Hack Club tells a **different** story about the future. Opportunity abounds. Adventure awaits. Hack Club helps teens feel positive about the future — and ownership over building it.

Our Growth	Reel Views	Reel Likes	Reels Posted
2022	12,856	577	5
2023	2,098,864	182,541	98
2024	25,562,779	2,306,832	321

AMAs

Michael Dell
Founder of Dell

Sal Khan
Founder of Khan Academy

Nirav Patel
Founder of Framework Computer

Trina Spear
CEO of FIGS

Articles and Videos

The 16-year-old swapping GCSEs for Silicon Valley and his $1m start-up
Toby Brown is leaving for California to develop the AI project that was born in his bedroom and is now attracting the attention of venture capitalists

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THE TRAIL

Orpheus Festival 2024

24 hours

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▲ We are teen hackers from around the world who code together (hackclub.com)
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Photo taken from **The Trail,** June 2024

2024 Scrapbook designed by Celeste Roselli, 16, Hack Clubber