

Hacker Busters

Value of Program:

The Packetville Package Featuring the Hacker Busters

Here are some ways this package can benefit the young people in your community:

- Presents a fun and powerful learning experience
- Teaches young people how the Internet works
- Covers the basics of avoiding viruses and outwitting hackers
- Encourages kids to use their computer skills to help others
- Builds a foundation in computer networking and encourages future education and career opportunities in technology
- Packed with interactive lessons, activities, and educational games
- Aligns with most of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) National Education Technology Standards (NETS) for young people

Online Activities, Lesson Plans, Games, and More

The Hacker Busters package of resources and activities can be used to create community-based clubs for young people aged 12-14. Young people rely heavily on the Internet for communication and information. Therefore, it is important, for them to learn how the Internet works so that they can use it safely and efficiently.

You may believe that kids know enough about technology, but this is often not the case. Although many kids know how to use computers, their knowledge is usually quite limited. Even if they have learned how to use e-mail, download files, chat online, word process, create presentations, and surf the Internet, they may not understand (1) how this all works, (2) how hackers and viruses can affect them and their computers, and (3) how



computers can be used to help others.

This is where the Packetville learning package can help. This one-of-a-kind resource provides important lessons in an innovative format that kids will enjoy. The package, which is free, includes club advisor and teacher materials. In addition to information about technology, the games and lessons emphasize ways in which technology can be used to help people throughout the world, since studies have shown that this increases female interest and participation.

Creating a Hackers Busters Club in your community is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Share the Hacker Busters materials with those who are helping you form the club.
2. Start your computers.
3. Send your club members on a Hacker Busters learning adventure.

