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018-012: H2OHackathon Registration Open

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**Registration Open Now for Third-Annual H2O Hackathon**

*High school teams invited to compete for \$5,000 prize while developing an app that can help tackle water issues important in California*

Calling all San Joaquin County high school students and teachers. It's time for another H2O Hackathon, a unique event that focuses the technological and problem-solving skills of local students to help find solutions to the state's water issues. The team able to create the winning app or game at the daylong competition on March 17 will walk away with the \$5,000 Golden Spigot Award, provided by Cal Water.

Registration is open now, and there will be training sessions for teams at the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) on Nov. 30 and Jan. 25. These highly recommended training sessions will prepare teams to use the IBM Bluemix development platform they will be building their apps on during the competition.

Learn more and register at [www.h2ohackathon.org/](http://www.h2ohackathon.org/).

Organized by the SJCOE and iHub San Joaquin, the H2O Hackathon provides students an opportunity to experience real-world applications of the science, engineering, and other skills they are learning in school. At the same time, the products created by students during the Hackathon could become valuable tools to help California find solutions to some of the problems surrounding issues of water in the state.

The Third-Annual H2OHackathon will be held at the SJCOE on March 17. Approximately 100 teachers and students will be able to compete.

***About the San Joaquin County Office of Education:***

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***About iHub San Joaquin:***

*The California Innovation Hub program was codified into law in 2013. It is comprised of 16 regional iHubs, including iHub San Joaquin. The mission of iHub San Joaquin is to help people grow ideas. It works to develop new partnerships, stimulate economic development, create new jobs, and nurture entrepreneurship and enterprises dedicated to innovative and emerging technologies. The iHub San Joaquin is dedicated to re-invigorating the region's economy as a center for sustainable technologies in three areas: healthcare, agribusiness, and sustainable construction technology. [www.ihubsj.org](http://www.ihubsj.org).*