

CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS

TASK 1: ASSEMBLE A TEAM

Purpose:	Only team submissions for the Contest of Champions will be accepted.
Steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form a group with a total of 3-4 members. Each team member must have completed the upper grade coding challenges. These can be completed after the coding contest ended, but a completion form for each member of the team needs to be submitted by April.• Meet and get to know each other. Share the activities you enjoy and some of your talents.• Play a game and share a snack. Discuss allergies/dietary needs before meeting.• Create rules to prevent problems (Decide now what your team will do when you can't agree on something -- for example, "Rock, Paper, Scissors," or everyone votes. Identify the kinds of problems you will ask a parent to help solve.)• Start sharing ideas about upcoming contest tasks but don't commit to anything specific at this point.
Tips:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider creating a team with different strengths (drawing, coding, writing, etc.).• Understand that making a compromise sometimes means that you don't get your way. If you think everyone on the team should always agree to do your ideas then you are not a good team player.• The key to strong relationships is managing expectations -- make sure you do what you say you're going to do and don't make a promise to do something unless you mean it.

Parent Corner:

1. Supervise the first few times the group meets.
2. Get to know the parents of the other team members and share mobile #'s and email addresses.
3. Don't be afraid to step in and say, "It looks like things aren't going well. What is the problem? And who has an idea about how you could solve it?"
4. Don't expect the students to solve huge conflicts between teammates without your help. For example, when a teammate never comes to the meetings; or when a team member is bullying another member of the team.
5. Need help finding a team for your child? Connect with other parents at this link:

<http://bit.ly/FoothillFindATeam>