

Howdy, we're so excited to welcome you to the hacker community! To help you get started, the TAMUhack team has compiled a list of tips and tricks from our personal experiences.

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## **THINGS TO BRING**

- Computer (We recommend coming with software pre-installed to save time)
- Chargers (Computer, phone, etc.)
- Blanket and jacket
- Earphones/headphones
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, mouthwash, deodorant)
- Miscellaneous items (Monitor, keyboard, mouse, notebook, stress ball, etc.)
- Friends and memes

## **THINGS TO DO**

- Get to the hackathon early to find a spot to squat
- Meet other attendees, mentors, and the organizers themselves
- Ask questions because everyone is here to help and here to learn
- Attend some awesome workshops and win door prizes
- Be prepared for a whole lot of challenges and bugs

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Don't worry too much about not knowing how to code this or how to use that because we're here to help. The people that you meet, the knowledge you gain, and the **love for coding and technology** are the things we love about the hacker experience and we hope you love them, too. Have a fantastic time this weekend and feel free to reach out at any time.

With love,  
The TAMUhack Team  
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**DEFINITIONS**

**HACKATHON** // An event in which inspiring people meet to engage in collaborative computer programming

**DEVPOST** // At the end of the hackathon, we want YOU to present your work! Devpost helps us track and manage all the great projects out there and we'll provide you with the link closer to the deadline.

**GITHUB** // A tool used for collaboration and version control. Try this tutorial to get started: <https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>

**STACKOVERFLOW** // Your best friend to find answers to your questions

**IDE (INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT)** // A tool used for collaboration and version control. Try this tutorial to get started: <https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>

**LIBRARIES/Frameworks** // Existing tools and code that help you build cool stuff. Popular ones include:

- Node (Express, Mongoose, Socket.io, TypeScript)
- Python (Flask, SQLAlchemy, Django)
- DBs (MongoDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL)
- UI Frameworks (React, Vue.js, Svelte)

There are also some cool starter kits like:

- <https://github.com/sahat/hackathon-starter>
- <https://github.com/MLH/mlh-hackathon-nodejs-starter>
- <https://glitch.com/~hackathon-starter>
- <https://hackoose.github.io/boilerplates.html>

**IMPOSTER SYDNROME** // The feeling of being inadequate when you are not