



#351: How TechGirlz Inspires Girls to Explore Technology

Date: May 28, 2019

Sponsor: Chi Hack Night Community

Website: chihacknight.org

Hosts: Bryan and Soren

Welcome to Chi Hack Night!

Find this **agenda** at chihacknight.org — next to the RSVP and details button. Everyone can edit this document.

Join our [Slack](http://slackme.chihacknight.org) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate)

Thank you to our sponsor, Chi Hack Night Community, for the Chicken & Empanadas!

Tonight's agenda:

6:00 pm Eating and socializing

6:15 pm Welcome, house rules & three-word introductions (welcome, first-timers!)

6:30 pm Announcements

6:45 pm Presentation

7:15 pm [Breakout group pitches](#)

7:30 pm Break into groups and hack

9:30 pm Pack up and leave

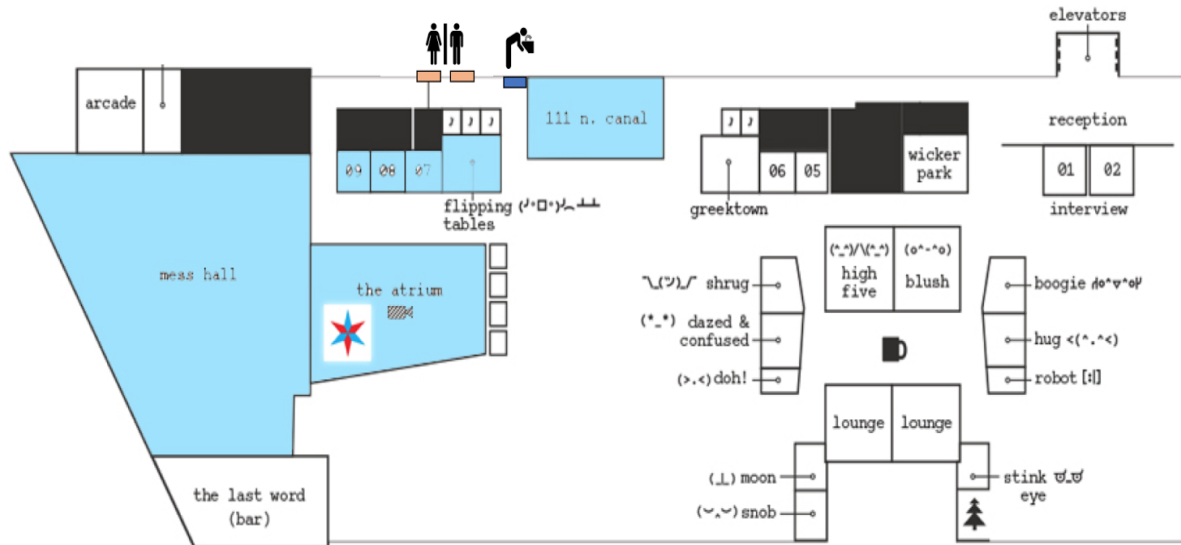
You can take up to 2 non-alcoholic drinks from the 'everyone' refrigerator (If you see any food near the drinks you're reaching for, you're in the wrong fridge)

- Braintree space: The rooms in [Blue](#) [see map below the fold] we are welcome to use. Everything else is off limits, please! **Please do not disable or disconnect anything in the Braintree rooms.** If you need help, ask one of the Braintree staff.

Braintree_rooms

■ = we can use it!

everything else is off limits



Apps, wifi, and social media:

- Wifi: PayPalGuest / SafePayments (on the whiteboard to the right of these screens)
- Join our [Slack](http://slackme.chihacknight.org) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate. Download it now and get ahead of the curve!)
- If you want, you can follow us on social media:
 - [Twitter](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
 - [Facebook](#): we got a page! You can like us there.
 - [Instagram](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
 - [LinkedIn](#): network with us! Network with us [here](#).
- Subscribe to our newsletter! Get the latest and greatest in Chi Hack Night news & updates by checking out our weekly newsletter. Sign up [here](#).
- Left something at Chi Hack Night? Email chicagooffice@getbraintree.com

Be nice:

- Please keep announcements, job postings, breakout pitches less than 30 seconds
- Please read our [Code of Conduct](#)
- **Make space for others.** Consider how you're using your voice during Q&A and breakout groups. Are you asking questions of others? Are you acknowledging others' lived expertise? Are you creating a welcoming environment for others to participate in?

Introductions

- Introduce yourself.
- Keep it to 3 words. (not including your name and pronouns)
- Warm welcome to the newcomers!

Talk to your neighbor:

- **How do you encourage young women to be interested in technology?**

Announcements

- *If you're here and have an announcement for the group, please add any information here in the appropriate section (general, events, or jobs).*
- *Keep announcements under 30 seconds.*

General Announcements

[Donate to Chi Hack Night!](#)

Our event will always be free and accessible to all but we need your help to keep it going!

Ways you can donate:

- When you register on Eventbrite: <https://chihacknight.eventbrite.com/>
- On Venmo: <https://venmo.com/chihacknight>
- Cash (give it to Derek Eder, Emily Drevets, or Katie O'Shea)

  **Bonus!** Donate \$100 or more and get a Chi Hack Night swag pack! It includes a Chi Hack Night t-shirt, coffee mug, and 4 Chi Hack Night stickers! If you have donated \$100 or more and have not gotten your swag, talk to the co-hosts!



Email info@chihacknight.org to get involved as a Chi Hack Night volunteer.

Do you like FURNITURE? Do you like SPREADSHEETS? Erstwhile ChiHacknighter Eileen is moving to New York City this Friday and selling all her furniture. Prices are open to negotiation, however, everything is pick-up only. [Enjoy this fine spreadsheet of furniture options.](#)

Event Announcements

Check out the #events channel in Chi Hack Night Slack! Join: slackme.chihacknight.org

Job Announcements

Check out the #jobs channel in Chi Hack Night Slack! Join: slackme.chihacknight.org

Braintree is hiring! <https://www.braintreepayments.com/careers>

Presentation Notes

Help us take notes and share relevant links during the presentation! Check out old presentations on the [Chi Hack Night YouTube channel](#)

www.techgirlz.org

www.techgirlz.org/techshopz-in-a-box

Design, engineering, robotics, podcasting, and coding

Wide spectrum to show that tech is more than just coding

Presentation Questions

*Please add your questions here. Hosts will select questions from here. If you see a question place a * by it, and it'll get moved higher up the chain.*

Example:

“Q: What is a pirate’s favorite element?”

A: Arrrrgon!

Q: How are you using data as an organization?

A: “Very poorly.” We use Salesforce and keep records of workshops, attendance, etc. But we’re not rigorous in analyzing that data.

Q: Have you had any civic tech related TechShopz?

Q: How do you decide on new topics and technologies to offer?

Q: How often do you have to revise curriculum content? What drives an update?

A: Somebody on the team is dedicated to that. She schedules reviewing each one at least a couple times a year, but she also depends on feedback from volunteers for more proactive edits.

Q: How to encourage kids?

A: variety of topics (tell story with infographics, mapping)
Girls like to do things to help make the world better
Sometimes give them a theme (like how to reduce food waste)
Having events in places like this

Q: How do you help your students after they “age out” of the program?

A: Alumnae vet the program as part of a “teen advisory board” in Philadelphia (where TG was founded). Would be nice to bring that to Chicago

Q: What are some other orgs and ways people could help?

Places like this
Places where girls could bring own devices, but important to bring a few extra
Always looking for locations
Some teachers are independent, need a place to hold the workshop
1871, here?

If you have ideas for where TG could host a workshop, put them in the doc or email Joan joan@techgirlz.org

Q: What's your limiting factor?

Usually we can find girls, but sometimes hard to find an org to host from 4-7 on a Thursday, for example

Sometimes have needed more volunteers

The location aspect is the biggest issue

Any volunteer who leads would need to do a background check (\$20)

Q: What percentage of students are in the city v suburbs?

Have had some in burbs, but not many -- have had trouble finding locations there

Q: Expanding definition of tech - interdisciplinary?

Infographics

Giving it a theme

There's a ton of possibility

Q: Have you worked with the tableau foundation?