



What is Counterspell?

This November, we are running a 24-hour hackathon called [Counterspell](#) Oshkosh beginning on the 23rd and ending on the 24th. Counterspell is **Hack Club's largest simultaneous global event ever**, with 200+ concurrent locations around the world.

Counterspell is a beginner-friendly game jam for high schoolers where coders, artists, and musicians will spend 24 hours together to build games. Game jams are a subset of hackathons, which encourage participants to build cool projects in a fun, collaborative environment.

As a result of a partnership with the Oshkosh Public Library, Counterspell Oshkosh will be hosted in the historic Waters Building's Great Hall, underneath the library's dome. This allows for a large, beautiful space that will be divided into areas for working on projects, sleeping, and eating.

Counterspell is operated by [Hack Club](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers 30,000+ teenagers around the world to code through a network of coding clubs and events. Hack Club has run and supported countless hackathons, including [one on a train](#) across Canada, another on the [Pacific Crest Trail](#), and many, many more!

Our Mission

Our mission is to **inspire the next generation of makers worldwide** by introducing them to game development in a fun, collaborative environment.

They will work in teams to build projects and advance their creativity, collaboration, and innovation skills. For Hack Club, hacking means problem-solving, innovating, and creating incredible projects and friendships. The Hack Club community is made up of coders, makers, and artists brought together through their shared passion for creating. Hackathons help people with a shared interest in creativity form lifelong friendships.

Hackathons let others see the joy in coding that we do. Game jams **allow people to learn how to code for the first time in a low-stakes environment**. The magic of hackathons is drawing inspiration from peers who are also innovating and making cool projects, even after the event. Beyond this, making friends and building a community are among the most important parts of hackathons like Counterspell. We aim to help

people see our community and inspire them to keep building it themselves. We would never have been inspired to run an event like this without other people doing it before us, and **we'd love to inspire people to keep running more hackathons in the future.**

By supporting local high schoolers through hackathons, we aim to provide opportunities and foster Wisconsin's next generation of innovators. **By supporting us, you help us further our mission. We can't run this event without you, and we would appreciate any support.**

If you want to sponsor us...

We would be happy to **put your name and logo on our website and promotional material!** Additionally, if you're interested in sending technical mentors to speak at our opening ceremony, we would love to work that out with you! We're always open to building custom deals.

We can also reserve spots for your employees' kids to attend.

Your **contributions will be tax-deductible**, as we qualify as a 501(c)(3) being fiscally sponsored by The Hack Foundation (EIN: 81-2908499).

Date & Time: We need have all funding finalized by Nov 15, 2024

Demographic: High school students (14-18) who are excited to code! We're expecting 40+ attendees.

If there's anything else we may have overlooked, please ask! We aim to have full clarity on what this event entails so it can be aw success for everyone.

Contact angad@hackclub.com with any questions.