

# Exam Week: Earn Your First Badge

Mon, Jan 11 – Fri, Jan 15 · 2:30–4:00 PM · Room 105 (or live on Zoom; the link comes by email)

**This week:** Take the CompTIA Tech+ exam, celebrate at Badge Night, and find out which crew wins the Session 1 Cup.

## Heads up

- Exam times are assigned one student at a time. Mr. James will tell you your date and time.
- Badge Night 1 is Tuesday, Jan 12. Families are welcome.
- The Session 1 Champion Crew is named Friday, Jan 15.
- Passed Tech+? Session 2 starts Monday, Jan 25, with Cisco CCST IT Support.

## Read-aheads

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### The day before your exam (20 minutes, not more)

- Skim the Vocabulary from all six zones at [firstbadge.org/briefs](https://firstbadge.org/briefs).
- Do one short set of study cards from your weakest zone. No new material.
- Pack what you need and get a full night of sleep.

### Exam morning (5 minutes)

- Say the 7 troubleshooting steps once.
- Write the binary place values (128 to 1) in your head.
- Remember the plan: flag, answer, move on, come back.

## Notes

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### During the exam

- Answer every question. A blank is always wrong; a guess might be right.
- Eliminate answers that are clearly wrong first, then choose between what's left.
- Don't change an answer unless you find a real reason.

### After the exam

- Tell Mr. James your result the same day so it's recorded.
- Didn't pass yet? We'll make a plan together. The study work you did still counts.
- Passed? You hold an industry credential employers recognize. Come back for Session 2.

## Bring

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- What the testing site requires (Mr. James will confirm)
- Water and a snack for before and after