NORTHEAST COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE LEAGUE

MIDDLESEX
Community College

Regional Info Session #1
February 20, 2026

Regional Orientation Agenda

- Travel & Lodging
- Event Location & Parking
- Event Schedule
- Blue Team Area Setup
- Rules of Engagement
- Regionals Infrastructure Changes
- Sponsors
- Q&A

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Travel & Lodging

Event Location: Getting Here

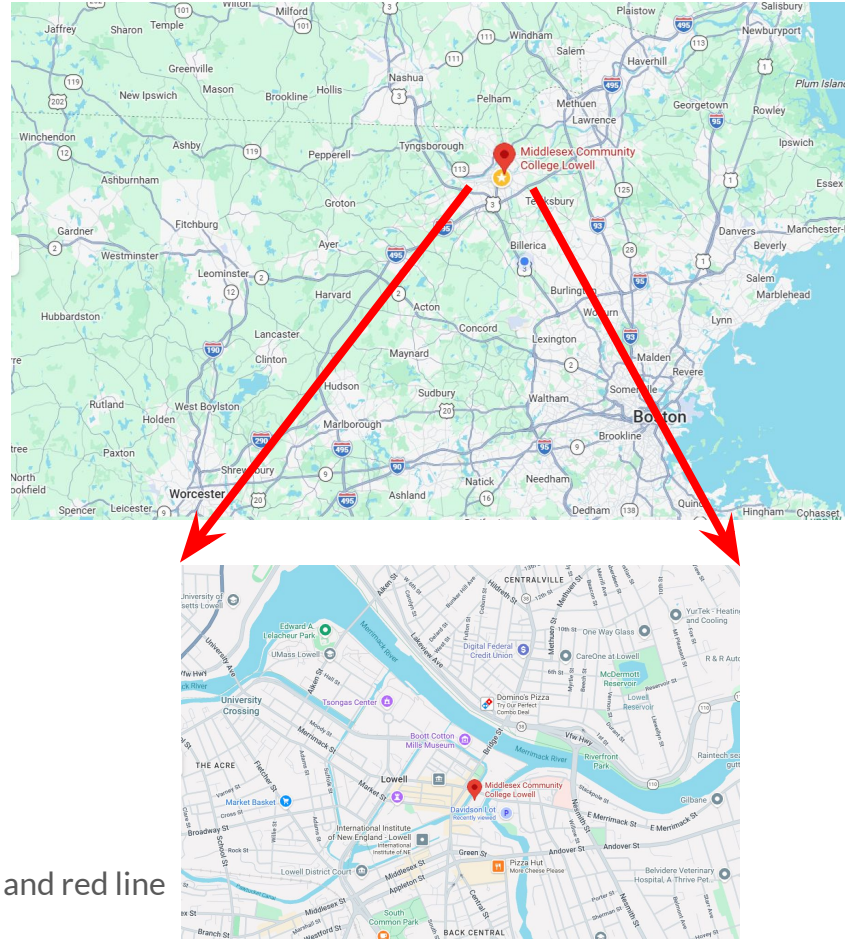
Drive:

Address (of Lowell Cowan):
33 Kearney Square, Lowell, MA

Parking in Davidson Lot or Lower Locks Garage

Traveling by Train:

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) Commuter Rail Line from North Station to the Lowell Regional Transit Authority Terminal. Once in Lowell you can take a bus to Kearney Square.



*Amtrak Station is at South Station and North Station. The MBTA green line and red line connect North and South Station

Event: Lodging (Option 1)

Hilton Garden Inn - Tewksbury

Address: 4 Highwood Drive,
Tewksbury, MA

Phone: 978.640.9000
Distance from Competition: 4.1 Miles

Call for MCC Preferred Rate: 15% discount

*Additional Registration Steps Included

Event: Lodging (Option 2)

Courtyard by Marriott

Address: 270 Concord Road, Billerica, MA

Phone: 978-670-7500
Distance from Competition: 8.7 Miles

Call for MCC Preferred Rate: 15% discount

Event: Lodging (Option 3)

The Artisan Hotel

Address: 17 Via Toscana,
Salem, NH

Phone: 603.912.8450
Distance from Competition: 13.4 Miles

Call for MCC Preferred Rate: 10% discount

Additional Local Hotels

Home2 Suites by Hilton - Chelmsford/ Lowell
12 Independence Dr, Chelmsford, MA
617.297.5393
(4.6 miles – 11 minute drive)

Sonesta Select – Boston Lowell/ Chelmsford
30 Industrial Ave E, Lowell, MA
978.458.7575
(3.5 miles – 9 minute drive)

Fairfield Inn – Boston Tewksbury/Andover
1695 Andover St, Tewksbury, MA
978.640.0700
(3.6 miles – 10 minute drive)

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Event Location & Parking

Event: Location

Middlesex Community College
Lowell Cowan (LC)
33 Kearney Square, Lowell, MA

Entire Event will be in the Lowell Cowan (LC) Building

Security and Registration will be at Front Desk When you Arrive

*Building Maps will be Provided at Check-In

Event: Parking

In Lowell, we offer parking validation to select municipal parking garages.

The closest parking to the Lowell Cowan Building is at:

1. Lower Locks Garage - 90 Warren Street, Lowell, MA
2. Davidson Parking Lot - 55 Davidson Street, Lowell, MA

Parking will be Validated Each Day at the Front Desk

Please Show your Name Tag for Validation

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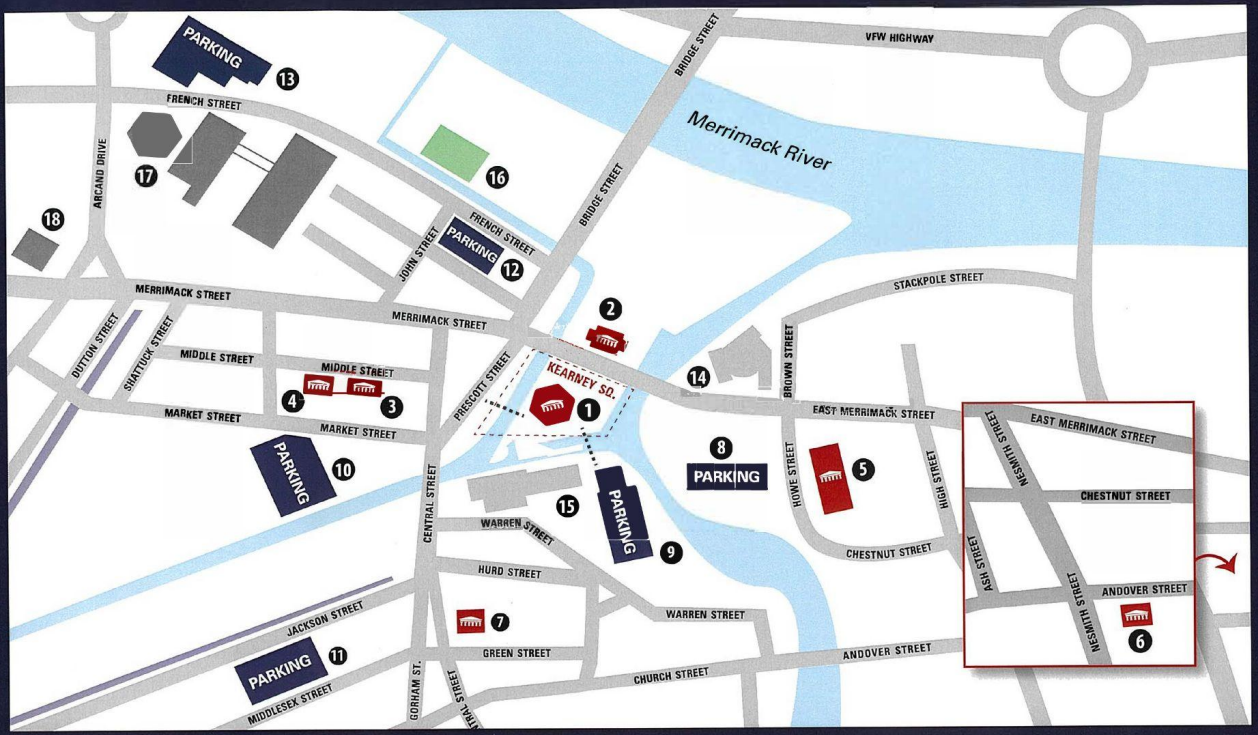
Lowell Campus Map 2025



1 MCC Cowan Center
2 Federal Building
3 Talbot Building
4 H.E.A.L.T.H Building
5 Facilities Mgmt. Bldg./ Lowell Howe
6 Nesmith House
7 Richard & Nancy Donahue Family Academic Arts Center
8 Davidson St. Parking
9 Lower Locks Garage
10 Roy Garage
11 Early Garage
12 Downes Garage
13 Ayotte Garage
14 Lowell Memorial Auditorium Merrimack Repertory Theatre
15 UML Inn & Conference Center
16 Boarding House Park
17 Lowell High School
18 City Hall

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Event Schedule

Event Schedule - Fri 3/20 - Day 1

Friday, March 20	Event	Location - Lowell Cowan
8:00 - 9:00	Check In (Name tags & release forms)	Front Desk
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast (informal breakout)	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
9:00 - 9:30	Competition Opening Ceremony	Lower Cafe
9:30 - 10:00	Teams Staging to Rooms	Floors 2, 3 & 4
10:00 - 16:00	NECCDC Student Competition	Floors 1 & 2
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
12:00 - 13:30	Coaches Meeting	3rd Floor Conference Room
16:00 -	Dinner on your Own w/ Team	

Event Schedule - Sat 3/21 - Day 2

Saturday, March 21	Event	Location - Lowell Cowan
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast + General Info/ Recap	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
9:30 - 10:00	Teams Staging to Rooms	Floors 2, 3 & 4
9:30 - 14:30	NECCDC Student Competition	Floors 1 & 2
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
12:00 - 14:30	TBD	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
14:30 - 16:00	Cybersecurity Panel	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
17:00 - 19:00	Dinner (Buffet)	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
17:00 - 19:00	Recruitment Dinner	TBD

Event Schedule - Sun 3/22 - Day 3

Sunday, March 22	Event	Location - Lowell Cowan
8:00 - 10:30	Full Breakfast	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
9:00 - 10:30	Mass CyberTrust Exercise	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
10:30 - 10:45	Break	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
10:45 - 11:30	Debriefs Red/Black/White	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe
11:30 - 12:00	Closing & Awards Ceremonies	Lower Cafe/Upper Cafe

Recruitment Event

Networking Dinner: Saturday, March 21st between 5pm and 7pm

- Open to all **Blue Team members**, **coaches**, **sponsors**, **industry** & **student helpers**
- Lots of **good food** / **great networking opportunities**
- Open-mic night, companies can advertise **open internship** & **full-time positions**

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Blue Area Team Setup

Supplies for Blue Teams

Similar setup for every team

- **Eight** laptops
  - Lots of extra physical space
  - Projector connected to MCC classroom desktop
  - Spare table(s)

Infrastructure

- Network switch for hardwired laptop connections **(Do not touch!)**

Blue Teams Accommodations

If you need accommodations to compete, contact blackteam@neccdl.org with your request. (e.g. mouse or keyboard)

- Include your institution and your full name in the email
- If requesting approval for peripheral devices, please include relevant pictures and relevant device information
- All requests **must** be submitted at **least one week** before the competition

Repositories

- Teams are allowed to update previously submitted team repositories until **March 13th**, 2026 11:59pm EST
  - Teams DO NOT need to re-submit previously submitted repositories
  - Submission form
- Scripts, executables, or tools that deliberately break expected functionality and operations of team systems are prohibited

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Rules of Engagement

Blue Team - Rules of Engagement

- Don’t modify the MCC network
  - Changing setting, which ports are used, etc.
- Do not access other teams environments
- Each system has a “*black-team*” user/group/role. **Do not remove** or **restrict access** as they are used for scoring & remote assistance
  - Most systems have a “*ssm-user*” which is out of scope. You can remove if you want, but it restricts an additional remote assistance method.
- Comply with the National CCDC rules

Red Team - Rules of Engagement

Out-of-Scope

- MCC Network (Wired & Wi-Fi)
  - In room team switch
- Competition Workstations (blue team laptops)
- Team Specific Accounts: Discord & Google Classroom

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Regionals Infrastructure Changes

Infrastructure Changes

Nothing major in technology is changing between qualifiers and regionals

Review the regionals packet for more information and any future updates

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FORTRA
Cobalt Strike

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Q&A