

CSGAMES 26
Polytechnique Montréal



PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Welcome Message

Dear participants,

It is with great pleasure that the organizing committee invites you to the 21st edition of the CS Games, set in a Retro atmosphere.

We look forward to welcoming you on March 6 at Polytechnique Montréal for a journey through time filled with discovery, challenges, and a touch of nostalgia.

We look forward to seeing you very soon,

The CS Games 2026 Organizing Committee





Theme



1986. An infomercial hijacks every cathode-ray screen: CS Games 2026. A legendary event... in 40 years. Too far. Way too far for Marco.

He contacts STEP – the Paradoxical Electronic Temporal Service – to travel into the future. A few mouse clicks and keyboard taps later, he opens his eyes in the future.

Nothing is as promised. No hoverboards that don't roll but fly. No robots in the streets. Instead, a strange, unstable world where everything feels... vibe coded. Logic itself seems approximate. Reality looks like a demo that was never finished.

Marco feels he shouldn't have come. As he searches for a way out, a man appears out of nowhere. Silent. Calm. He holds out both hands.

In one: a blue pill, accept this world, embrace vibe coding. In the other: a red pill, go home, return to his COBOL.

No explanation. Marco doesn't think. He takes the red pill.

1986. The sound of the cathode-ray television fills the room, but something has changed. This time, the CS Games are coming... with a retro twist.

Party

Unforgettable themed parties every night, right at the hotel! Hard to believe, but true! However, drinks will not be provided by the CS Games or the hotel. It is also mandatory to have an opaque bottle if you wish to stay properly hydrated!

**Friday
Night**

**GLITCH IN THE
MATRIX**



RETRO GAMING



**Saturday
Night**

**Sunday
Night**

**FLOWER
POWER**



Good Conduct

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The CS Games value inclusion, diversity, and respect. The event aims to provide a welcoming environment where everyone, regardless of their identity, gender expression, or orientation, can feel comfortable and fully recognized.

Zero Tolerance

The CS Games enforce a zero-tolerance policy toward any behavior that compromises a person's integrity or safety. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Any form of sexual violence**
- **Harassment, threats, or discriminatory remarks**
- **Pressure to consume alcohol or drugs**
- **Aggressive behavior and disrespect of the premises**

If You Experience Sexual Violence

You have the right to be heard, supported, believed, and protected. You can:

- **Get to a safe place and seek out a trusted person (a member of the organizing committee, a volunteer, or a friend)**
- **Make a report, anonymously or not, verbally or in writing**
- **Receive support without any obligation to file a formal complaint**

Communications

Communications during the CS Games will take place on the Discord server, so make sure to join it before the event to not miss anything!



Locations

**Polytechnique
Montréal**

**2500 Chem. de Polytechnique,
Montréal, QC H3T 0A3**

**Delta Hotel
Montréal**

**475 Av. du Président-Kennedy,
Montréal, QC H3A 1J7**

EVO

**777 Blvd Robert-Bourassa,
Montréal, QC H3C 1E8**

Competitions schedule

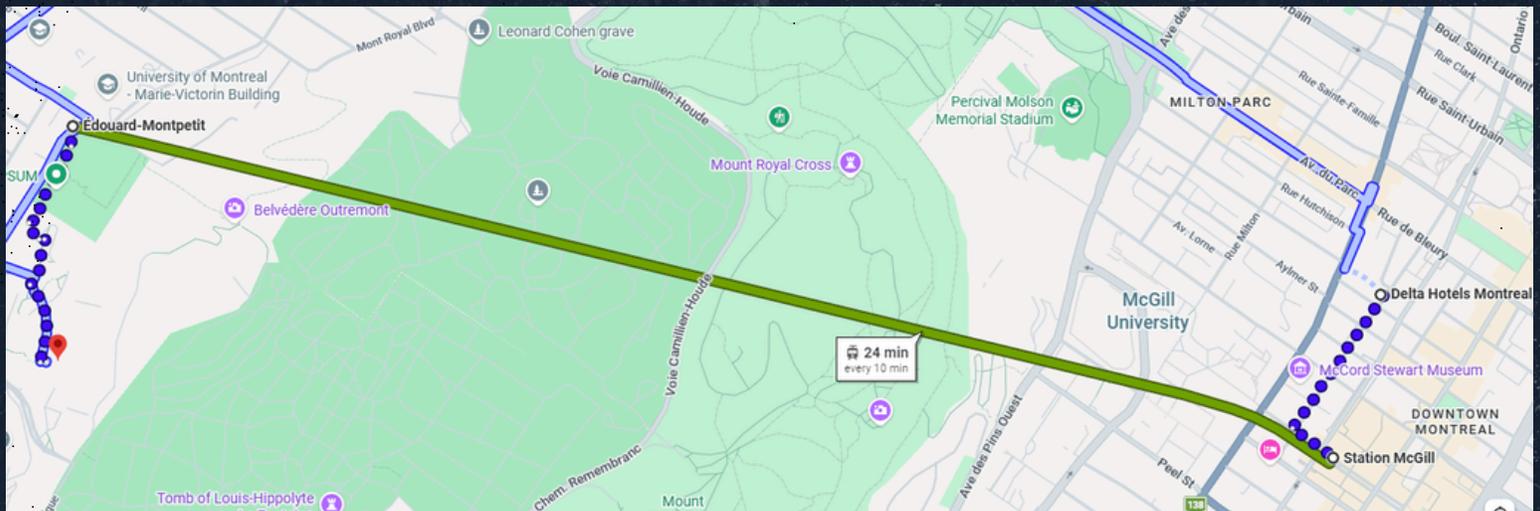
	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8h30		AI SHADER FPGA	PROOF CTF SPORT
11h30			
13h00		COBOL DATA MANAGEMENT EMBEDDED SYSTEM	
16h00			
16h30	UI/UX AGENT DEVOPS	WEB HPC MYSTERY	
19h30			
21h30	FLASHOUT	GODMOTHER/ GODFATHER ACTIVITY	
00:00			

Detailed schedule

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:30		Breakfast	Breakfast
8:00			
8:30		Travel & explanation (30 min)	Travel & explanation (30 min)
9:00		Competition	Competition
9:30			
10:00			
10:30			
11:00			
11:30		Lunch	Lunch
12:00			
12:30	Arrivals to the hotel ↓		Break for School + Travel EVO
13:00	13h10 Poly, 13h20 Conco	Travel & explanation (30 min)	
13:30	13h30 ETS, 13h40 UQAM, 13h50 UdeM	Competition	
14:00	14h ITR, 14h10 UQO, 14h20 UQAC		
14:30	14h30 Sherb, 14h40 ULaval, 14h50 Brock		
15:00	15h UOttawa, 15h10 Windsor, 15h20 McGill		
15:30	Travel to Poly		
16:00			
16:30	Travel & explanation (30 min)	Travel & explanation (30 min)	Partners meeting (EVO) + Photos of delegations (EVO)
17:00	Competition	Competition	
17:30			
18:00			
18:30			
19:00			
19:30	Dinner	Dinner	Banquet at EVO + Award ceremony
20:00			
20:30	Travel to hotel	Travel to hotel	
21:00	Flashout	Godmother/Godfather activity	Travel to hotel
21:30			
22:00			
22:30	Party	Party	Party & end of the event
23:00			
23:30			
0:00			
0:30			
1:00			
1:30			
2:00			
2:30			
3:00			

Transport

You will be responsible for your transport tickets between Polytechnique, Delta hotel and the EVO. We will be using the REM for all transportation and if you are not from Montreal we strongly advise that you get the unlimited-weekend pass. You can either get them in advance or at the REM station on the first transport towards Polytechnique.



What to bring

Mandatory:

- **Clothes for 3 days**
- **Outfits for the parties (costumes are encouraged)**
- **Formal attire for the banquet**
- **Personal hygiene items (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste)**
- **Laptop with wireless connectivity and a power bar**

Optional:

- **Snacks and drinks**
- **Opaque container (mandatory for the parties)**
- **Reusable water bottle**
- **Medications (Advil, Tylenol, etc.)**

Important

A badge will be given to you upon arrival. It must be worn at all times, as it is required for identification during meals (it contains information about dietary restrictions and allergies), competitions, evening events, and all activities throughout the event. Please inform your team leader if you lose your badge. They will need to contact the Organizing committee to give you continued access to the event.