

Welcome to SANS

Surge 2026

February 23–28, 2026 | La Jolla, CA



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

San Diego Marriott La Jolla Hotel
4240 La Jolla Village Drive | La Jolla, CA 92037

Event Check-In | Badge & Courseware Distribution

Location: Salon C Foyer (2ND FLOOR)

Monday, February 23 7:00–8:30 AM

Registration Support

Location: Coronado (1ST FLOOR)

Monday, February 23–Friday, February 27 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

Saturday, February 28 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Parking

SANS Attendees will receive a discounted parking rate of \$13/day for daily drive-in and a discounted parking rate of \$28/overnight.

Course Breaks

Morning Coffee 7:00–9:00 AM

Morning Break* 10:30–10:50 AM

Lunch 12:15–1:30 PM

Afternoon Break* 3:00–3:20 PM

*Snack and coffee to be provided during these break times.

CLASS INFORMATION

All courses will run 9:00 AM–5:00 PM (unless noted) **NOTE:** All courses will start at 8:30 AM on Day 1

FOR500: Windows Forensic Analysis™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Mari DeGrazia Salon C (2ND FLOOR)

FOR508: Advanced Incident Response, Threat Hunting, and Digital Forensics™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Marcus Guevara Mission Beach (2ND FLOOR)

FOR518: Mac and iOS Forensic Analysis and Incident Response™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Lee Whitfield Ocean Beach (2ND FLOOR)

FOR578: Cyber Threat Intelligence™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: John Doyle Salon B (2ND FLOOR)

ICS410: ICS/SCADA Security Essentials™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Justin Searle Salon F (2ND FLOOR)

ICS515: ICS Visibility, Detection, and Response™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Mark Bristow Salon H (2ND FLOOR)

LDR512: Security Leadership Essentials for Managers™ (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: My-Ngoc Nguyen Pacific Beach (2ND FLOOR)

LDR514: Security Strategic Planning, Policy, and Leadership™ (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Frank Kim Salon E (2ND FLOOR)

LDR551: Building and Leading Security Operations Centers™ (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: John Hubbard Irvine (1ST FLOOR)

SEC401: Security Essentials – Network, Endpoint, and Cloud (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Bryan Simon Cardiff (1ST FLOOR)

HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAY 1); 9:00 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAYS 2–5);
9:00 AM–5:00 PM (COURSE DAY 6)

SEC502: Cloud Security Tactical Defense (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Kevin Tyers Imperial Beach (2ND FLOOR)

SEC504: Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: James Leyte-Vidal Salon D (2ND FLOOR)

HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:15 PM (COURSE DAY 1)

SEC511: Cybersecurity Engineering: Advanced Threat Detection and Monitoring™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Tim Garcia Newport (1ST FLOOR)

HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAY 1); 9:00 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAYS 2–5);
9:00 AM–5:00 PM (COURSE DAY 6)

SEC560: Enterprise Penetration Testing™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Elgee Salon G (2ND FLOOR)

SEC595: Applied Data Science and AI/Machine Learning for Cybersecurity Professionals™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Christopher Crowley Salon A (2ND FLOOR)

SPECIAL EVENTS

RECEPTION:

Welcome Reception

DATE/TIME: Mon, February 23 | 6:30–8:00 PM
LOCATION: La Jolla Ballroom Foyer (2ND FLOOR)

RECEPTION:

Community Night: Defend Together, Thrive Under Pressure

DATE/TIME: Tue, February 24 | 5:30–6:30 PM
LOCATION: Salon D Foyer (2ND FLOOR)

KEYNOTE:

Securing Your AI Transformation

DATE/TIME: Tue, February 24 | 6:30–7:30 PM
LOCATION: Salon D (2ND FLOOR)
SPEAKER: Frank Kim, Faculty Fellow

CYBER RANGE:

Core NetWars Tournament

DATE: Thu, Feb 26 & Friday, Feb 27
TIME: 6:30–9:30 PM
LOCATION: Salon D (2ND FLOOR)

SANS@NIGHT:

Shifting the Cybersecurity Mindset: Leading Through Risk and Influence for Today's Challenges

DATE/TIME: Wed, February 25 | 6:00–7:00 PM
LOCATION: Salon D (2ND FLOOR)
SPEAKER: My-Ngoc Nguyen, Principal Instructor

HOTEL FLOOR PLAN

