

# Welcome to SANS Security Central

May 11–16, 2026 | New Orleans, LA



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Venue

Hilton New Orleans Riverside  
Two Poydras St. | New Orleans, LA 70130

### Event Check-In | Badge & Courseware Distribution

Location: Riverside Foyer

Monday, May 11..... 7:00–8:30 AM

### Registration Support

Location: Kabacoff

Monday, May 11–Friday, May 15 ..... 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

Saturday, May 16..... 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

### Parking\*

- Self-Parking: \$44.00 daily, with in/out privileges
- Valet Parking: \$49.00 daily
- A 50% discounted self-parking rate per day plus applicable taxes is available for SANS attendees.

\*Rates listed are prevailing and subject to change.

### 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: Lee Whitfield..... Quarterdeck A

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

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Pilkington..... Chart C

### FOR585: Smartphone Forensic Analysis In-Depth (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Domenica Lee Crognale ..... River

### LDR414: SANS Training Program for CISSP® Certification

(6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Seth Misener..... Leeward

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

8:00 AM–5:00 PM (COURSE DAY 6)

### LDR512: Security Leadership Essentials for Managers

(5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Shawn Chakravarty ..... Starboard

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

INSTRUCTOR: Kim Jones..... Windward

### LDR516: Strategic Vulnerability and Threat Management

(5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Jonathan Risto ..... Bridge

### LDR519: Cybersecurity Risk Management and Compliance

(5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Russell Eubanks..... Quarterdeck B

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

INSTRUCTOR: Ross Bergman..... Chart A

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: Chris Edmundson..... Compass

### SEC504: Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling

(6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Pizor ..... Chart B

HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:15 PM (COURSE DAY 1)

### SEC530: Defensible Security Architecture and Engineering: Implementing Zero Trust for the Hybrid Enterprise

(6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Don Murdoch ..... Quarterdeck C

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

INSTRUCTOR: Jon Gorenflo ..... Pelican

### SEC541: Cloud Security Threat Detection (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Shaun Mccullough..... Port

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

INSTRUCTORS: Christopher Crowley..... Steering

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### RECEPTION:

#### Welcome Reception

DATE/TIME: Monday, May 11 | 6:00–7:30 PM  
 LOCATION: Fountain Lobby

### SPECIAL EVENT:

#### Networking Lunch

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 12 | 12:15–1:30 PM  
 LOCATION: Fountain Lobby

### RECEPTION:

#### Keynote Reception

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 12 | 5:30–6:00 PM  
 LOCATION: Fountain Lobby

### SANS@NIGHT:

#### Integrating AI/ML into SOC Detection Engineering: Building Smarter, Faster Defenses

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 12 | 6:00–7:00 PM  
 LOCATION: River  
 SPEAKER: Christopher Crowley, Senior Instructor

### SPECIAL EVENT:

#### Networking Breakfast

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 13 | 7:30–8:30 AM  
 LOCATION: Fountain Lobby

### SANS@NIGHT:

#### Post-Quantum Cryptography: Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Cryptographic Disruption

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 13 | 6:00–7:00 PM  
 LOCATION: River  
 SPEAKER: Chris Edmundson, Certified Instructor

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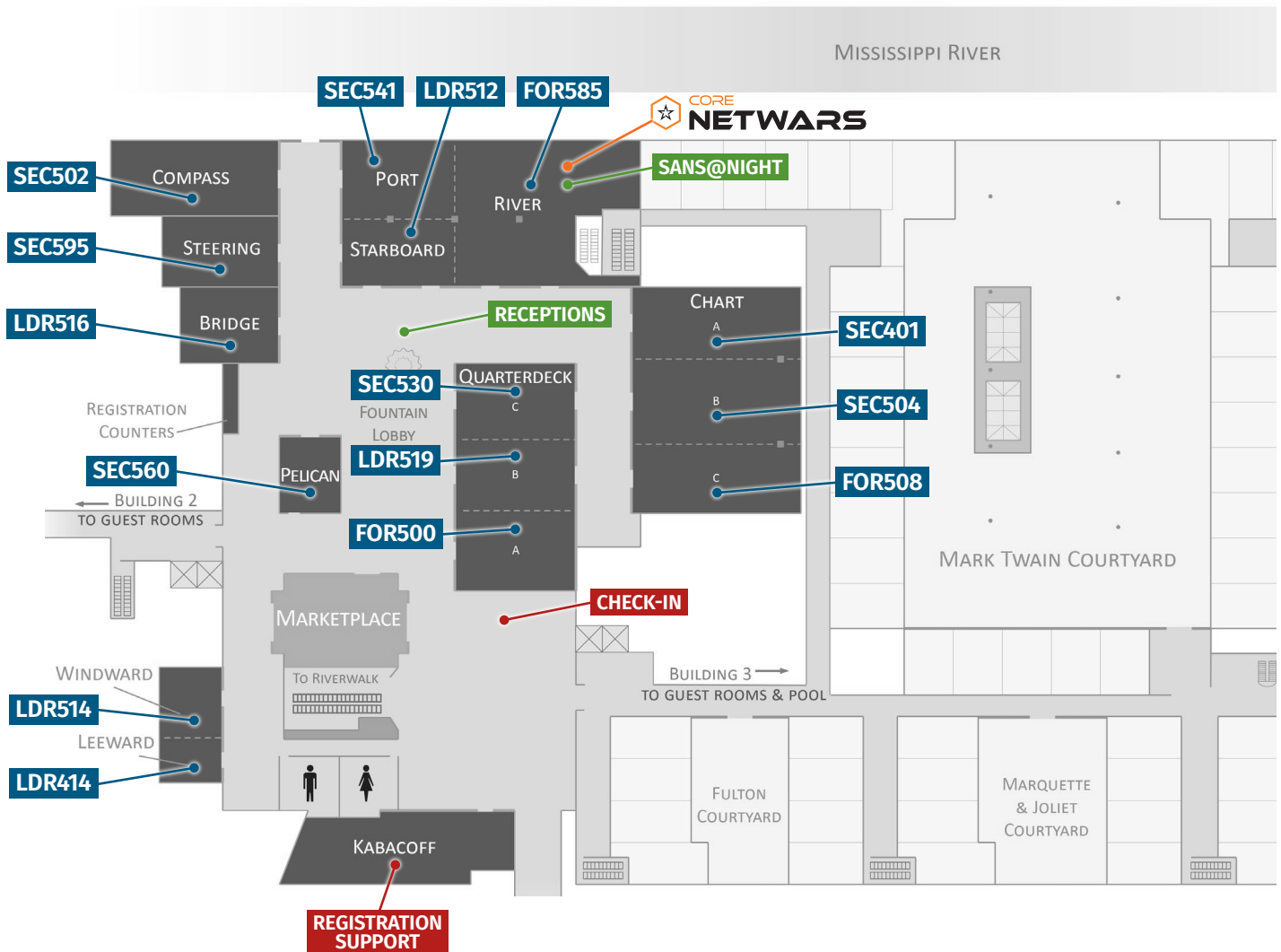
DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 14 | 12:15–1:30 PM  
 LOCATION: Fountain Lobby

### CYBER RANGE:

#### Core NetWars Tournament

DATE/TIME: Thu, May 14 & Fri, May 15 | 6:30–9:30 PM  
 LOCATION: River

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