## Looney Challenge Rules + 2015-2016

- 1. The Looney Challenge Program will be held once per academic school year. The 2015-2016 Challenge will begin September 23, 2015 with the final question mid- to late May, 2016.
- 2. Participation is open to all K-12 schools from. Teachers may register as many classes as they would like at his/her school, but only the top two classes per school will be eligible to win Looney Challenge prizes.
- 3. Challenge questions will be posted:

September 23rd, 2015 October 7th & 28th November 18th December 9th January 6th & 27th, 2016 February 17th March 9th & 30th April 20th May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25

- 4. Questions will be posted by 5:00 p.m. Due dates will vary depending on the challenge.
- 5. Challenges will not be posted during Christmas and the New Year's holiday (Winter break) or at the discretion of the Computer Science Department. If a Challenge date falls on a federal or university holiday the Challenge question will be posted the day after the holiday.
- 6. Challenges will be posted based on difficulty and experience. The categories are:
  - Novice
  - Intermediate
  - Experienced
- 7. Teachers can join the Challenge at any time during the school year and still have the ability to earn enough points to win a Raspberry Pi and/or other computer related prizes. For example, a participant who begins the Challenge in March can complete a Challenge posted in October. Also, please note that some Challenges will have a due date and cannot be completed after the due date has passed.
- 8. Challenges will be assigned points based on difficulty (1 = easy to 10 = difficult). Points will accumulate until the deadline at the end of the 2015-2016 Challenge, June, 2016.

- 9. Accommodations can be made for students with disabilities. Please contact Sharlyn Izurieta, Demand Generation Coordinator, 994-4794 or Sharlyn.Izurieta@coe.montana.edu, for more information.
- 10. Teachers may contest an incorrect answer by emailing *Sharlyn.Izurieta@coe.montana.edu*.
- 11. At the conclusion of the 2015-2016 Challenge, all Looney Challenge teachers will have their points cleared and will begin the 2016-2017 Looney Challenge with zero points.
- 12. Prizes will be awarded after June 30, 2016 and will be based on the number of accumulated points.
- 13. Prizes may include, but are not limited to, bookmarks, magnets, MSU memorabilia, computing related items, and Raspberry Pi's (<u>http://www.raspberrypi.org</u>).
- 14. Teachers will be contacted prior to publication of their or their student(s) name, photo or video for permission.

