



IT GRAND PRIX 2010 - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the IT Grand Prix?

A: From June 1 through June 4, four teams of Microsoft Certified Professionals will race from Washington D.C. to TechEd 2010 in New Orleans, where the winning team will award a \$10,000 check to the charity of their choice. Along the way, they'll overcome challenges and help local non-profits.

Each team will get points through their virtual Pit Crew. **Register** for an online Pit Crew today at www.itgrandprix.com

Q: What is NPower?

A: NPower is a network of locally based nonprofit organizations that provide comprehensive, high-quality and affordable technology assistance to other nonprofit groups nationally. Founded in 1999, NPower currently serves more than 4,000 organizations each year. NPower connects nonprofits to technology so that they can discover powerful new ways of serving their clients and communities. NPower proves time and again that almost any nonprofit can leverage the power of IT to achieve transformative rewards. At the same time, NPower understands that technology alone doesn't change the world — people do. That's why NPower bases their services in a friendly, flexible approach that delivers powerful IT solutions you can call your own.

Q: What does NPower have to do with the IT Grand Prix?

A: NPower will bring together the Microsoft Certified Professionals from each race team with non-profits where they'll work to provide technical services to the non-profit.

Q: What non-profits are eligible for the \$10,000 donation?

A: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, NetHope, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Q: How will the winning team be chosen?

A: The team with the most victory points wins the IT Grand Prix! Victory points are earned by placing in each of the challenges, both on the ground and in the cloud:

1. First place team: 10 victory points
2. Second place team: 7 victory points
3. Third place team: 5 victory points
4. Fourth place team: 2 victory points

With 4 ground team challenges and 6 pit crew challenges, the maximum number of victory points a team can earn is 100 points.

Q: Do I have to be an MCP to be on a Pit Crew?

A: No, but your team will earn more points if you are certified already or if you take an exam between May 1st and June 4th. You'll be eligible for more of the online challenges if you are an MCP.