SharkFest’26 US Attendance Proposal

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From:

Re: Approval for SharkFest Attendance

I'm writing to ask for approval to attend SharkFest in person from July 18-23 in Nashville, Tennesse. SharkFest is widely acknowledged as the premier event for education, inspiration, and community for technology professionals that use Wireshark. SharkFest’s aim is to support, to educate and to inspire current and future generations of computer science and IT professionals responsible for managing, troubleshooting, diagnosing and securing legacy and modern networks, and to encourage widespread use of the free and open source analysis tool. SharkFest presents an amazing chance to gain cutting-edge knowledge and skills with Wireshark and other similar tools, which we rely on for network and packet analysis.

At SharkFest, I can get training in a single week that would otherwise require multiple courses and sessions throughout the year. Some of the other reasons to attend include:

* The ability to evaluate in person the latest innovations in packet analysis, networking, and security.
* The chance to better understand emerging technologies and concepts that are the

driving force behind our digital future.

* The chance to meet directly with Wireshark core developers and pose questions about our unique challenges.
* The opportunity to connect with attendees and SharkFest sponsors to hear their perspectives and suggestions about best practices, new ideas, and new tools we might consider.

The bottom line is that by attending SharkFest, I will become more valuable to our organization by being better equipped to do my job, and this investment will be realized by my future work.

If you’d like more information about SharkFest, you can find it at [sharkfest.wireshark.org](https://sharkfest.wireshark.org/), or I’d be glad to answer any questions.

Thank you very much for considering this request. I look forward hearing from you.

Regards,