

GULF COAST MAKERCON

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Gulf Coast MakerCon 2015: Celebrating the DIY Inventive Spirit, Florida Fairgrounds April 18

Tampa – **Gulf Coast MakerCon 2015, Tampa Bay's 4th Annual Celebration of the DIY Inventive Spirit brings everything from Fighting Robots to an Electronics Deconstruction Zone to the Florida Center at the Florida Fairgrounds, April 18, 2015.** The event is supported by a grant from the Hillsborough County Economic Development Innovation Initiative (EDI2) and produced by Eureka Factory in partnership Mity Mo Creative, the Innovation Lab at Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, the Tampa Bay Inventors Council, Scrap on Spot, and F5 Live: Refreshing Technologies. Gulf Coast MakerCon 2015 is a USA Science & Engineering Festival Satellite Event, and a National Robotics Week event.

Things to See and Do at Gulf Coast MakerCon 2015

Gulf Coast MakerCon is chock-a-block with things to see and do! There will be:

- Electric car races by Electrathon of Tampa Bay
- Southeast Combot Fighting Robots Championship, by the University of South Florida Robotics Interest Group
- Deconstruction Zone, electronics exploration area sponsored by Scrap on Spot e-waste recycling
- ComicCon & Gaming Festival, hosted by Mid-Pinellas ComicCon & MakerCon, of St. Petersburg College
- Inventors Showcase, hosted by Tampa Bay Inventors Council
- *FIRST* Robotics demonstrations and scrimmages
- Amateur Radio
- Young Makers Showcase with Make & Take Activities
- Heritage Crafters
- Rapid Prototyping displays
- Makerspace Corner
- Alternative Music performances and much more!

Attend

Early Bird registration runs through midnight March 31, at \$8 per person, ages 13 and up; \$25 for a Family/Friend 4-pack (Early Bird special only!). Tickets for children ages 6-12 are \$5.

Advanced tickets run April 1-April 17: \$10 per person, ages 13 and up. \$8 for children ages 6-12 .

Prices at the door, the day of the event: \$12 per person, ages 13 and up. \$10 for children ages 6-12. Tickets can be purchased online at GulfCoastMakers.com.

Participate

It's free to have an educational or demonstration exhibit and \$75 for small scale commercial exhibitors. A variety of sponsorship packages are also available. Please visit GulfCoastMakers.com for details, call 813-728-2822 or email Terri@WillinghamLLC.com for more information about any aspect of Gulf Coast MakerCon.

About Gulf Coast MakerCon

Gulf Coast MakerCon is a community festival celebrating the DIY (Do It Yourself) Inventive Spirit, held each spring, in Tampa Bay, Florida. The event focuses on technical, creative and professional exhibits, workshops and sessions covering everything from patent development and the inventive process, to 3D printing, programming, mechanical and electrical design, green tech and open source technologies, and is produced by Eureka Factory, in collaboration with creative community partners.

About Eureka Factory

Eureka! Factory specializes in the development of creative programs, events and spaces for nonprofit and community organizations and institutions. We believe in the power of Community Driven Innovation to change lives and deepen culture. The Eureka Factory also produces ROBOTICON Tampa Bay, a *FIRST* K-12 Robotics Showcase, each fall. Visit EurekaFactory.net to learn more.