

GULF COAST MAKERCON

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Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016: Celebrating the DIY Inventive Spirit, Florida Fairgrounds April 9

Tampa – Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016, Tampa Bay's annual Celebration of the DIY Inventive Spirit, will be held April 9, at the Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center. The event showcases and supports the innovative and entrepreneurial efforts of area Makers across a wide range of fields including mechanical, electrical, communications, transportation, hardware and software development, heritage crafts and trades, arts, music, gaming, modeling and simulation and STEM initiatives. Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016 is a USA Science & Engineering Festival Satellite Event, and a National Robotics Week event.

Things to See and Do at Gulf Coast MakerCon 2015

There will be plenty to see and do at Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016, including:

- Robot Rodeo with 2nd Annual Southeast Combat Robotics Championship & FIRST Robotics
- 2nd Annual Electrathon Electric Car Race at Gulf Coast MakerCon
- Makers Market vendor hall with handcrafted goods
- Inventors Showcase
- Gaming Expo sponsored by Armada Games
- Cosplay Laser Tag by Night Heron Productions
- Young Makers Village with Deconstruction Zone
- Heritage Makers – blacksmiths, leather arts & more
- Sustainable Living – permaculture & green tech
- Makerspace Zone
- Mechatronics
- Cosplay & Comics
- Media Displays
- Drones & Transportation
- Amateur Radio and more.

Attend

Advanced tickets are \$12.84 for adults and \$10.70 for youth ages 6-12, and are available through April 8 at GulfCoastMakers.com. Gate Admission the day of the event is \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65+ and \$13 for children ages 6-12, including sales tax. Children 5 and under are free. Fairgrounds parking is \$6/car. Gulf Coast MakerCon is held rain or shine! Tickets can be purchased online at GulfCoastMakers.com.

Participate

It's free to have an educational or demonstration exhibit and \$78 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 since 2012. 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. **Gulf Coast MakerCon is sponsored by Verizon, with support from community partners Armada Games, e-Smart Recycling, Tampa Bay Inventors Council, PLuGHiTz Corporation, and Sonic Print and is produced by Eureka Factory.**

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