

GULF COAST MAKERCON

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Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016: Celebrating Tampa Bay's Creativity and the DIY Inventive Spirit, Florida State Fairgrounds April 9

Tampa – Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016, Tampa Bay's biggest annual Maker festival in celebration of the DIY Inventive Spirit, will be held April 9, from 10am to 5pm, at the Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center. The event showcases a myriad of exhibitors that include technologists, artists, crafters, mechanical and electrical wizards, costumers and prop makers, roboticists, music, arts & crafts, inventors, coders, gamers, and more. Gulf Coast MakerCon 2016 is a USA Science & Engineering Festival Satellite Event, and National Robotics Week event.

Here's what's on tap at Gulf Coast MakerCon: Inventors & Entrepreneurs Showcase, Workshops & Demos, Southeast Combat Robotics Championship, Electrathon Car Race, Young Makers area and the ever popular Deconstruction Zone, Entertainment, Cosplay and Costume Contest "Plank Walk", Cosplay Laser Tag, Drones & Transportation, Games, Heritage Makers, Makerspaces, Mechatronics & Robotics, blacksmiths, Inventions, Amateur Radio, arts and crafts, and more.

Attend

Gate Admission the day of the event is \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for children ages 6-12. Children under 5 are free. Lower cost advance tickets can be purchased online at **GulfCoastMakers.com through April 8**. Attendees should enter the Fairgrounds parking through the MLK Blvd entrance. Gulf Coast MakerCon is held rain or shine!

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, arts & crafts, green tech and open source technologies. **Gulf Coast MakerCon is produced by Eureka Factory and sponsored by USF Connect and the Florida High Tech Corridor, Verizon, TECO, Avnet/NXP, and Sensible Micro, with support from community partners Armada Games, e-Smart Recycling, Tampa Bay Inventors Council, PLuGHiTz Corporation, and Sonic Print.**

About Eureka Factory

Eureka! Factory specializes in the development of creative programs, events and spaces for community organizations and institutions including libraries throughout Tampa Bay. They 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 and competition, each fall. Visit EurekaFactory.net to learn more.