



Maker Faire® Westport

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Maker Faire Westport 2019 Call for Makers Open

Westport, CT – The Call for Makers for the 8th annual Maker Faire Westport is now open!

Celebrating its eighth year, the theme this year is 8: Cre8, Innov8, Educ8. We are looking for interesting makers who want to be a part of this year's event to showcase the compelling people, resources and experiences around us.

Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, Maker Faire Westport is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students and commercial exhibitors. All of these "makers" come to Maker Faire Westport to show what they are creating and to share what they are learning.

Started in 2012, Maker Faire Westport has grown to become Connecticut's largest single day event, attracting an estimated 13,500 attendees at its seventh annual event in 2018. Maker Faire Westport is produced by Remarkable STEAM, Inc. The Maker Faire Westport name is licensed from Maker Media, Inc.

Highlights for the 2019 edition already committed include drone racing and the world's largest globally crowdsourced 3D printed duck.

Maker Faire Westport will be held in downtown Westport, Connecticut from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The event is free to attend.

Makers who want to be a part of Maker Faire Westport 2019 should apply online at <https://westport.makerfaire.com/call-for-makers/>. The deadline for applying is Friday, February 15, 2019.

Sponsors so far this year include: Sacred Heart University's Engineering department and Main Street Resources. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

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About Remarkable STEAM

Remarkable STEAM is the leading Connecticut organization that promotes innovation and creativity in the areas of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). It focuses on support for education and job creation. Remarkable STEAM is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Its leadership team founded and through generous community support, finances Maker Faire Westport and supports similar initiatives. It is creating "maker" events and facilities where people can improve their lives and communities.

About Maker Faire

Maker Faire is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth—a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.

Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds. The aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect and grow this community.

The original Maker Faire event was held in San Mateo, CA and in 2017 celebrated its twelfth annual show with some 1200 makers and 125,000 people in attendance. World Maker Faire New York, the other flagship event, has grown in six years to 900+ makers and 95,000 attendees. Forty larger scale Maker Faires occur in cities around the world—Berlin, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, and Shenzhen to name a few—and over 220 community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires are now being produced in the United States and in 43 other countries around the world.

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