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**Maker Faire Pittsburgh 2015:  
Featuring 200+ Makers, Hands-on Workshops, Presentations,  
Performers, & More!  
*October 10 and 11, 2015 at Nova Place***

(PITTSBURGH) September 21, 2015— Maker Faire Pittsburgh is an all-ages festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness like no other fair! Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, Maker Faire Pittsburgh is a gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors. An incredible weekend of exploration, inspiration and fun is in store, with fascinating, curious people (makers and faire goers alike) who enjoy learning and sharing what they can do!

- Maker Faire Pittsburgh connects Pittsburgh's history of innovation to its current position as a leader in tech, education and entrepreneurship
- Pittsburgh is one of only 13 cities to host a featured Maker Faire
- 10,000 people are expected to attend Maker Faire Pittsburgh on October 10 and 11

Maker Faire Pittsburgh is produced by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh under a license agreement with Maker Media, Inc. and in partnership with Faros Properties and Innovation Works.

The Faire is located at a nexus of innovation:

• **Children's Museum of Pittsburgh** is a nationally recognized leader in connecting the maker movement to the informal learning sphere on both local and national levels. In 2014 the Children's Museum was awarded a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to lead a national initiative for the development of makerspaces in museums and libraries across the country and was recognized by the White House and U.S. Deputy Director for Technology and Innovation who cited the Museum's MAKESHOP as an innovative leader for the maker education movement at the 2014 National Day of Making.

• **Faros Properties** is transforming **Nova Place**, formerly Allegheny Center Mall, into a hub of technology and innovation.

• The Faire will extend into **Buhl Community Park** and the former **Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny** as well.

Maker Faire Pittsburgh Highlights include:

- Make-and-take activities using recycled materials, vinyl cutters, electronics and more
- 3D printing for customizing toys or accessories
- Robots who play sports made by First Robotics high school robotics teams
- A remote control cupcake launcher
- Groundbreaking startups from across the region
- Opportunity to learn about subjects ranging from coding to concrete

- An education zone featuring workshops on the importance of STEAM in education
- The Market @ The Faire, a place to buy locally made wares from jewelry, home goods and more
- Solar cooking demonstrations
- Hack to the Future, HackPittsburgh's custom built power wheels sized racecar
- Guitarbot, a four-string robotic slide guitar that plays autonomously
- "Hot Air" Engines: Small "low temperature" engines that can run on body heat alone

For a complete list of 2015 Makers visit [makerfairepittsburgh.com/makers](http://makerfairepittsburgh.com/makers). A complete Schedule and Program Guide will be available in late September.

Presenting sponsors include Chevron, The Grable Foundation and MAKE. Visit [makerfairepittsburgh.com/sponsors](http://makerfairepittsburgh.com/sponsors) for a full list of sponsors, partners and collaborators.

Collaborators include Hack Pittsburgh, Assemble, TechShop Pittsburgh and Urban Innovation 21.

One and two-day tickets for the event range from \$10-\$40 and can be acquired, along with information on volunteer opportunities, directions and more, at [makerfairepittsburgh.com](http://makerfairepittsburgh.com).

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### **About Maker Faire**

The first Maker Faire began in 2006 in San Mateo, California with 22,000 people in attendance. Called the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth, it is part county fair, part science fair, and part something entirely new. As a celebration of the Maker Movement, it's an all-ages showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness. Makers come to show their creations while attendees get a glimpse of the future and find the inspiration to become Makers themselves. Maker Faire is now in its ninth year and the movement has grown to include two flagship events, 13 feature faires, and 116 mini maker faires in cities such as New York City, Detroit, Orlando, Atlanta, Paris, Rome, Shenzhen, Oslo and Tokyo. And now it's Pittsburgh's turn!

### **About Children's Museum of Pittsburgh**

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is a place that delights and inspires children, where they can take off on fantastic flights of imagination daily and return to earth to ink a silkscreen and build and tinker with old and new technologies and cutting-edge media. With 80,000 square feet of space, the Museum welcomes more than 275,000 visitors annually and provides "real stuff" experiences for play, learning and fun. The Museum's permanent exhibit MAKESHOP<sup>®</sup> was built in 2011 to create a space for children and families to make, play and design using the same materials, tools and processes used by professional artists, builders, programmers and creators of all kinds. The Museum's maker-focused initiatives include serving as a Maker Corps site for the Maker Education Initiative, Mobile MAKESHOP, Youth Maker workshops, MAKEnight (21+) events and presenting the Pittsburgh Mini Maker Faire from 2011-2013.

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