

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Northern Kentucky Makerspace will present its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual World Maker & Inventor Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This event will take place at Boone County High School, 7056 Burlington Pike, Florence, Kentucky.

During its inaugural year in 2016, the World Maker & Inventor Expo was attended by over 1,500 students, parents, community members, makers, and inventors, and more than 70 schools, companies, and organizations were represented! This year, we plan to make this event even bigger!

At this event, we will celebrate all makers, inventors, creative problem-solvers, tinkerers, and innovators! Using 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, the event hopes to intrigue and inspire individuals of all ages to expand horizons and join the Maker Movement!

This Saturday, NKY Makerspace will present over 120 booths showcasing projects and activities in the STEAM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). These booths represent a wide variety of schools, organizations, and businesses, including Toyota, Cincinnati Observatory, Cincinnati Museum Center, BB-8 Builder's Club, Gorilla Maker, MakerMinded STEM, INTERalliance, Safran Landing Systems, NKY Fame, and more. All Boone County School will also be participating! The event will feature a wide variety of projects, programs, and interactive activities, including several competitions! We anticipate over 3,000 attendees! Food trucks and the Boone County Animal Shelter will also be present at the event!

Tickets can be purchased in advance at [themakerexpo.com](http://themakerexpo.com) for \$5/person. Prices will increase to \$7/person at the door. All profits benefit the Boone County Education Association and NKY Makerspace.

Sponsors for the event include All State Insurance: Bob Parsons Agency, C-Forward, Gorilla Maker, ASWD Law Firm, Gateway Community & Technical College, Four Seasons Tent Rental, Ozobot, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Boone County 4-H STEAM Clubs, Simunic Patent Law, Duke Energy, Chick-Fil-A on Houston Road, and Central Bank of Kentucky.

More information can be found at the website, [themakerexpo.com](http://themakerexpo.com), or by emailing Emily Greene, Expanded Opportunities Learning Coordinator for Boone County Schools, at [emily.greene@boone.kyschools.us](mailto:emily.greene@boone.kyschools.us)

*The NKY Makerspace is a regional program serving K-12 students through field trips, workshops, and internships. It was made possible through a partnership between Leadership NKY Class of 2015 and Boone County Schools. Through generous support from our sponsors, Kentucky's first kid-focused Makerspace has come to life and is open for field trips, after-school events, Super Saturdays, and summer camps.*