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Calling all Creators, Makers, Students, Educators, Engineers, Hobbyists, More Houston Maker Faire Now Accepting Entries

HOUSTON, TX, August 22, 2018 - Innovation Spark presents the 2018 Houston Maker Faire, part science fair, part county fair and part something entirely new. From tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, science club to authors, artists, commercial exhibitors and Do-It-Yourselfers, Maker Faire is a venue for each to spotlight their work publicly and all are invited to apply for entry into this year's event at <http://houston.makerfaire.com>. This family friendly and educational event will be held at the George R Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida of the Americas, on October 13 & 14, 2018.

"This is going to be our best Maker Faire ever as we continue to be the leading showcase of human ingenuity and creativity plus a fascinating window into emerging technology-driven capabilities. There are learning opportunities in abundance for people of all ages and backgrounds, and even more hands-on activities too. So, whether you like traditional crafts or the latest high-tech demos, Houston Maker Faire is the place to be!" said Andrew Lynch, Organizer & Innovation Spark Board Member.

Houston Maker Faire continues the tradition to showcase makers across all spectrums of science, engineering, art, performance, craft and explorers of new forms and technologies. In addition to Kickstarters, startups and inventions, this year's event also includes new topic focus areas that are devoted to large sections of the exhibition:

- Cool Tech: a broad high-impact display of the latest tech including VR, AR, Internet of Things (IoT), drones (UAVs), aerospace, gaming, big data, AI, robotics, etc.
- Living: medical technology, sustainability, food sourcing innovation, hydroponics, aquaponics, bio science, DIY bio, tiny homes, alternative housing, green homes, custom CNC home accessories, etc.
- Cause Champions: for many community-cause situations, ideas + tech + do-it-yourself action = problem solved! We will provide a showcase where leaders of community causes can describe their challenges and invite action from creative, inventors and attendees to help make the world a better place.

For full event details, maker registration and press registration, please visit <http://houston.makerfaire.com>

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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 original Make Faire event was held in San Mateo, CA. The launch of Maker Faire in the Bay Area in 2006 demonstrated the popularity of making and interest among legions of aspiring makers to participate in hands-on activities and learn new skills at the event. In 2017, over 190 independently-produced “Mini Maker Faires” plus over 30 larger-scale Featured Maker Faires will have taken place around the world, including Tokyo, Rome, Shenzhen, Taipei, Seoul, Paris, Berlin, Barcelona, Detroit, San Diego, Milwaukee, Kansas City and Houston.

About Innovation Spark Inc.

A 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization aimed at fostering maker innovation, create a thriving, sustainable future by advancing and connecting Houston makers – a vibrant community of tinkerers, tech enthusiasts, artists, educators, youth makers, hobbyists, science clubs, students, and entrepreneurs. Innovation Spark works with educators and the local community to promote and facilitate youth maker programs and professional development for educators in making to connect makerspaces and the maker institutions (schools, businesses, civic groups) that create the innovation economy. Innovation Spark produces 2 yearly signature events: Houston Maker Faire and the Comicpalooza Makerspace. For more information, please visit www.innovation-spark.org

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