

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Celebrates the Maker Movement

iMake features invention, creativity and resourcefulness

Fort Worth, TX - Guests and volunteers from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth area will converge on the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to celebrate the Maker Movement at iMake: Maker Fest on Saturday, March 24, from 10 AM to 5 PM! The festival aims to celebrate the collaborative culture of the Maker Movement, which encompasses using invention, creativity and resourcefulness to bring do-it-yourself projects into your daily life. Mouser Electronics is once again sponsoring this year's festival, marking their 6th year of support for this annual event.

The rapidly growing Maker Movement is comprised of a collection of independent inventors, crafts people, tinkerers and technology buffs who like to create things. The Museum, which has long been at the forefront of hands-on learning, is happy to again host the iMake event and to share DIY ideas with guests.

iMake will incorporate both high-tech and low-tech hands-on activities throughout the Museum. Here are just a few of the experiences planned:

- * Meet Local Makers: Check out amazing project created by inventive resourceful Makers.
- * Check out fun, hands-on activities from Mouser Electronics, including the Lights Out LED blocks game, Scratch-based coding on a Raspberry Pi, a sensor light board and more.
- * Explore 3D Printers: Find out what these cutting edge printers are capable of making.
- * Roving Robots: Meet amazing roboticists and examine their latest creations.
- * Upcycled Musical Instruments: Build your own musical instruments with recycled materials.
- * Take Apart, Make a Part: Break apart interesting electronics and then use the parts to make something new.
- * Be a Maker: Try hands-on projects and activities throughout the Museum.

Join internationally acclaimed chalk artist, David Zinn, to learn to unleash your own creative genius through chalk in a special iMake workshop. Ticket purchase is required for this imagination-filled workshop. Learn more here.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the iMake: Maker Fest. iMake activities are included with regular exhibit admission.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's iMake: Maker Fest is sponsored by Mouser Electronics.

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About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Visit www.fortworthmuseum.org for more.