

**Mill Valley GATE**  
Parent-Initiated Event Proposal

**TITLE:** A Special Opportunity: Education Day at Maker Faire 2012

**WHEN:** Thursday May 17, 11am-2pm. (Depart Mill Valley about 10am, return 3pm)

**WHERE:** San Mateo Event Center, [2495 South Delaware St, San Mateo](#)

**WHO:** 25 kids max. First priority to MVSD GATE students in 5-8G. If any places are left we may open it so they can bring a non-GATE sibling or friend. A few parents are needed to drive; parents may tag along or be comfortably stored nearby (see below).

**ACTIVITIES:** We have a special GATE opportunity which, to many of us, warrants pre-empting classes for a day. We have 25 tickets to attend Education Day at Maker Faire 2012 in San Mateo (<http://makerfaire.com>). As you may know, Maker's Faire is extraordinary: a festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, a family-friendly exposition of innovative thinkers who love creating, learning and sharing what they make and do. Showcasing whimsical and visionary creations and creators, the Faire highlights innovation and experimentation across the spectrum of science, engineering, art, technology, performance and craft. Whether it's rockets or robots, crafts or hobbies -- you can find it all at the seventh annual Maker Faire.

Education Day at the Faire is on Thursday May 17, and our kids will get a sneak peek at many of the exhibits and workshops. They'll meet selected Makers, participate in activities, and get a glimpse of the setup process for this huge event. Preview tours are 90 minutes long, and have staggered arrival times. Groups must stay together for the entire visit. **You get a free return ticket for Maker Faire either Saturday or Sunday.** Bring lunch and we'll eat before entering the Faire.

Be aware that **STAR testing at some schools (e.g. EM, TV, MS) may conflict with this event.** We understand in such cases, you can arrange to participate in each school's make-up test.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** No special requirements, but plan on walking, sunshine, dirt, and noise.

**TRAVEL:** Self-organized car pools, leaving 10am and returning 3pm from Mill Valley Community Center OR other location you agree upon. Drivers will self-organize from list of 25 attendees that Jon provides. The drive is 50-60 min via I-280 & CA-92. Free parking for Education Day, May 17. Follow signs for Education Day Parking in the main San Mateo County Event Center parking lot off Saratoga.

**PARENTS:** Chaperons needed; also additional drivers. Parents who do not wish to accompany the tour may be comfortably stored nearby in downtown San Mateo or in the Hillsdale Mall.

**SPONSORSHIP:** none

**MORE INFO AT:** <http://makerfaire.com/bayarea/2012/education-day/>

**TICKETS:** 25 tickets at \$10 for GATE kids in 5-8G. First four adult chaperons are free; additional adult attendees are \$20. Your ticket includes free return to the full Faire that weekend.

**TECH SUPPORT NEEDED:** GATE Tech will invite all GATE parents and sell tickets through EventBrite. Liability waiver for each carpooling kid through EventBrite.

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