

Maker Faire®

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Student Guide

Maker Faire is the premier event for grassroots American innovation. It started in San Mateo, California in 2006 as a celebration of arts, crafts, engineering, green design, music, science and technology. It brings together communities who embrace the DIY (do-it-yourself) spirit. This weekend you'll meet some of the most creative, resourceful, and innovative Makers in the Bay Area and beyond.

What to expect from your visit to Maker Faire

It's a sea of activity. There will be over 50,000 people there meeting hundreds of Makers. Make sure to grab a map and give yourself time to explore and chat with other people about what they do and why they do it. It's not important to experience all that we have to offer—no one person can see and do everything that's happening at the Faire.

Meeting the Makers

Over the weekend, hundreds of Makers will be there, and they all really want to talk to you! What will you say to them? Here are a few key questions to get the conversation going. Not all questions apply to all Maker projects, and you'll soon find you'll be asking some of your own.

- 1. How long have you been working on this project?*
- 2. Do you hope to inspire other makers with your project?*
- 3. What inspired you to start working on this?*
- 4. Where do you hope this takes you?*
- 5. Are you trying to address a real-world problem?*
- 6. Do you intend to make a business out of this or is it just for fun?*
- 7. Have you collaborated with others on this?*
- 8. What other projects here today inspire you?*
- 9. What do you plan to do in the future?*