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We're back and bigger than ever! Philly Maker Faire is scheduled at Cherry Street Pier and Race Street Pier.

Event Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025, 10 am - 5pm

Event Location: Cherry Street Pier, 121 Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Philadelphia, PA – (January 9, 2025) Following the success of the 2024 Philly Maker Faire, the 2025 Philly Maker Faire will once again showcase the incredible talent of local makers and innovators. This year's event will feature groundbreaking projects and interactive experiences at Cherry Street Pier and Race Street Pier.

As we celebrate our fifth year, we're excited to introduce new makers and welcome back familiar faces. Join us to experience:

- Engaging Demonstrations: witness firsthand the creative process.
- Hands-On Activities: learn new skills and experiment with different techniques.
- Innovative Projects: discover cutting-edge designs and prototypes.
- **Inspired Networking:** connect with fellow makers, entrepreneurs, investors and mentors.

There is room for more!

If you have a Do-It-Yourself (or Do-It-Together) attitude and want to share your work with a curious and engaged audience, then apply to the Philly Maker Faire. We encourage all makers, from startups and science clubs to inventors and artists to apply. We particularly love exhibits that are interactive and those that show the making process.

We expect to see: combat robots, green technology, unique tools, unusual machines, 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers, analog and digital artwork, drones, VR/AR, electronics, textiles, fashion, biotech, performances, films, rockets, food, glass, toys, and more.

There is NO FEE to participate if you are not selling or promoting a product, service, or organization, so apply now to be a part of the largest maker event in Philadelphia. <u>https://philly.makerfaire.com/call-for-makers/</u>

Help Us Organize the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth!

The Philly Maker Faire is coming back on Sunday, April 6, 2025, and it's shaping up to be another celebration you won't want to miss! Huge thanks to our past volunteers for bringing the energy and helping us highlight all the creativity and innovation that makes our community special. We do it best when we do it with you.

Please volunteer with us again (or for the first time!) to help bring this incredible experience to life. If you're returning, we'd love your feedback to help make this year even better. If you're joining us for the first time, we're excited to hear your fresh ideas and see the unique perspective you bring! Volunteering for the Philly Maker Faire means everything from strategic planning, assisting makers, greeting attendees to setting up and taking down the venue. There's something for everyone. It's a chance to connect with fellow innovators and get a behind-the-scenes look at the Faire, while making a meaningful impact on your community. Ready to jump in? Sign up today and let's make Philly Maker Faire 2025 unforgettable!

The press announcement and other materials can be found at the link: <u>https://philly.makerfaire.com/media-kit/</u>

More information about sponsorship opportunities can be found at the link: <u>https://philly.makerfaire.com/sponsorship/</u>

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About Cherry Street Pier

Cherry Street Pier is a year-round, mixed-use public space on the central Delaware River Waterfront. Built into the shell of a century-old municipal pier, it is a reflection of Philadelphia today—creative, diverse, historic, adaptable, and inspired. To learn more, visit <u>CherryStreetPier.com</u>.

About the Race Street Pier

Race Street Pier, located along the river at the intersection of Race Street and Columbus Boulevard opened in 2011 as the first park to be completed by DRWC. The design of Race Street Pier is a nod towards its original function as a bi-level shipping pier built-in 1896. To learn more, visit <u>https://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com/places/race-street-pier</u>

Sponsorships and Partnerships Available

Philly Maker Faire is looking for partners and sponsors to build an even better event in 2025. This is the premier event in the region for innovators to show off their ingenuity to an engaged public. Maker Faire is designed to inspire attendees to create their future.

- Sponsorship helps cover the costs that come with organizing a Maker Faire, which means we can level up. With that financial support, we bring in materials, equipment, and other resources for even more awesome workshops and demos. This means a more dynamic, inspiring event for attendees and smoother operations for our volunteer team.
- Sponsorship allows Philly Maker Faire to be a rich, memorable experience that's accessible to everyone through sliding-scale admission. The event draws creators and innovators across generations, giving sponsors natural opportunities to connect with potential collaborators, customers, and talent in an authentic setting. By hosting hands-on activities or workshops, you'll forge genuine connections with attendees while gaining valuable insights for future innovations. Plus, supporting Maker Faire aligns perfectly with initiatives focused on education and strengthening our community.
- This is THE opportunity for talented inventors, engineers, designers, innovators, and entrepreneurs to show their creations and ingenuity.
- Share your message with a highly educated and motivated audience of creatives, trend setters, and early adopters.
- Associate your name with engaging hands-on experiences which have a memorable, lasting impact.

For more information or to become a sponsor, please contact Emily Silverman at <u>emily@phillymakerfaire.com</u>, or reach us online through the sponsorship page at <u>philly.makerfaire.com/sponsorship</u>

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 aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect, and grow this community.

The original Maker Faire event was held in San Mateo, CA and in 2024 celebrated its 16th show at its new location on Mare Island, CA. Annually, many large-scale Maker Faires occur in cities around the world—Orlando, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Lille, Prague, Rome, Tokyo, and Shenzhen to name a few—alongside a wide variety of independently organized Community Maker Faires.

Besides the magazine and the faire, MAKE is:

- a vital online stream of news and projects (makezine.com);
- a retail outlet for kits and books, the Maker Shed (<u>makershed.com</u>);
- a steady stream of fun and instruction via our YouTube channel (<u>youtube.com/make</u>);
- a publisher of best-in-category titles via Make: Books, including introductions to electronics, Raspberry Pi, 3D printing, Arduino and more; and
- a gathering point for discussion, project sharing, finding assistance, and accessing unique content at Make Community (<u>make.co</u>).

More info: <u>https://makerfaire.com</u>

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