



**STEAM Fest Returns to the Front Range April 29-30 With 100s of Hands-on Activities and Combat Robots**

*The 'can't miss' weekend features a wide range of activities and classes surrounding Science, Technology, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Making.*

**BOULDER, Colo. (DATE)** – In two weeks, more than 5,000 curious children, teens, parents and educators will take part in Maker Bolder's annual STEAM Fest on **April 29th and 30th, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.**

The Festival, sponsored by Google, Science Galaxy and others, will provide attendees the chance to actively participate in over 100 experiential, hands-on activities all related to STEAM (Science, Technology, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Making). Exhibits include weather experiments, crafts and making, robots, rocket launches and much more. Also back by popular demand, **drone exhibits and drone racing** will be included in the jam-packed agenda, weather permitting.

New this year, STEAM Fest introduces the Rocky Mountain Combat Robot Competition for 1lb and 3lb combat robots. Competitors will smash and crash their bots in quest for the crown and their share of a prize pot.

"STEAM Fest is a place where people of any age can come together, roll up their sleeves, and learn by playing, tinkering or hacking," says STEAM Fest Co-Founder Martha Lanaghan. "With experiential exhibits including everything from Human Minecraft, LED light jewelry making, to battling robots, drones and zip-line car races, there's truly something here for everyone."

Food trucks serving flavors from around the world will also be present, along with a selection of local craft brews and distilleries. The final list of exhibitors and a full schedule for this year's STEAM Fest will be available at [GoSTEAMFest.com](http://GoSTEAMFest.com) the week of the event.

### **Volunteers Needed**

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Maker Bolder is looking for volunteers, exhibitors and ideas. Who can volunteer? Anyone in middle school or older. **Each participant that volunteers at least four hours will receive the following:**

- Ticket for one person for the entire weekend of STEAM Fest
- A STEAM Fest volunteer t-shirt
- Access to the STEAM Fest Volunteer Hospitality area

- A certificate of volunteer hours (if requested)

For volunteer information, please visit: [MakerBolder.com/volunteer](http://MakerBolder.com/volunteer).

### **About Rocky Mountain STEAM Fest & Maker Bolder**

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**STEAM Fest** is a celebration of all things Science, Technology, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Making, featuring hundreds of hands-on activities appropriate for children and adults of all ages. The 2017 event will be held on **April 29 and April 30, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Boulder County Fairgrounds**. The event will be taking place indoors and will occur rain or shine. For more information and ticket pricing, visit [GoSTEAMFest.com](http://GoSTEAMFest.com).

Founded in 2013, **Maker Bolder** is a community of entrepreneurs, educators, makers and parents working to inspire the next generation of innovators. Our mission is to fuel a collaboration that brings STEAM education, design thinking and invention to the Rocky Mountain region and beyond. Visit us at [MakerBolder.com](http://MakerBolder.com) and follow us on social at @MakerBoulder. For more information, contact us at [Info\(at\)MakerBolder\(dot\)com](mailto:Info@MakerBolder.com) or call Martha at (303) 257-6222.

### **Media Inquiries**

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For inquiries about our special Media Entrance Kits, including free entrance to STEAM Fest and priority seating, contact Lisa Cozad at [Lisa\(at\)AnnabelMedia\(dot\)com](mailto:Lisa@AnnabelMedia.com).

STEAM Fest would like to extend our thanks to all of our generous sponsors, including: Google, Alfalfa's Market, Watershed School, Sparkfun, Goodwill and Science Galaxy.

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