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# Maker Faire

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## Celebrating a Day of Making on June 18th

America has always been a nation of tinkerers, inventors, and entrepreneurs. In recent years, a growing number of Americans have gained access to technologies like 3D printers, laser cutters, easy-to-use design software, and desktop machine tools, democratizing the act of making and enabling citizens to build just about anything. To celebrate this Maker Movement, we are hosting the first-ever White House Maker Faire on June 18th. We'll feature makers, innovators, and entrepreneurs of all ages who are using cutting-edge tools to bring their ideas to life.

In addition to the Makers who will be at the White House itself, we want to celebrate with Americans across the country by inviting them to participate in a **Day of Making on June 18th** in their homes, schools, maker spaces, and communities. We invite all of you to showcase the vibrant grassroots communities of inventors, tinkerers, and manufacturers that are making our future.

### Ways to Participate in Day of Making

We've already heard from so many of you about your passion for Making. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a celebration of the individuals and organizations powering the Maker Movement, as well as those just getting started. Whether you work at your home, school, local makerspace, non-profit, company, or Mayor's office, there are many ways for you to get involved.

We'll be using the **#NationOfMakers**, and encourage you to use it as well to share all of the amazing creations around the country and to connect with other makers like you.

You'll have great ideas for your Day of Making celebration, but here are a few to get you started:

- **Post photos of a current maker project** you are working on or choose a new project to work on and ask a couple of friends or family members to build it with you. You can find fun and creative projects ideas from a variety of websites for Makers [such as MAKE](#).
- **Host an open house** at your local makerspace or **set up a hangout online** to connect and share your inventions with Makers across the country.
- **Volunteer to be a mentor for someone** who is interested in learning a new skill or **find a mentor** who would be interested in teaching a new skill you've been eager to learn.
- **Create a project of your own and then share the plans** for your project online through Maker platforms so others can also make, modify, or remix your project.
- **Organize a maker roundtable to identify and convene maker thought leaders** in your community on expanding Making initiatives, programs, and activities in your neighborhood.
- **If you're an organization or company, encourage** your employees to volunteer as an educator and/or mentor to host maker-oriented workshops or classes in your community.
- **Follow the action online** at [www.whitehouse.gov/makerfaire](http://www.whitehouse.gov/makerfaire).
- **Your idea here!**

We are looking forward to hearing your stories and celebrating with you on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Let us know what you have planned using **#NationOfMakers** or via [maker@ostp.gov](mailto:maker@ostp.gov).

