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KIDfest Opens Call to Exhibitors for Innovators, Makers, and Creators of All Ages!

Silver Spring, MD – KID Museum announces the return of the DC region's largest annual family festival celebrating creativity and innovation. KIDfest, which attracts over 15,000 people each year, is part of KID Museum's ongoing effort to expose children and adults to the power of hands-on maker learning. The festival encourages attendees of all ages to explore STEM, art, and creative pursuits of all kinds to discover what inspires them and find their "spark." KIDfest 2018 will take place on Sunday, September 23, from 12:00 to 5:00 at Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring.

KIDfest attendees will experience over 90 interactive exhibits, along with awe-inspiring demos, engaging "KIDtalks," coding jams, and two stages of live musical performances and entertainment. The festival is a celebration of our community's shared values around education and innovation, activating parents, educators, and local leaders to empower the next generation to invent the future.

Call to Exhibitors

KIDfest is now accepting applications from individuals or groups who are interested in exhibiting at the festival. Any type of hands-on creation, invention, or do-it-yourself project from exhibitors of all ages are welcome. All applicants will undergo a jurying process. To apply, please visit the KIDfest website: kid-museum.org/kidfest/call-for-exhibitors

We also have spots reserved just for projects made by kids. We are seeking applications from young makers—aged 10-17 years and passionate about hands-on learning—to exhibit their projects through a demonstration, presentation, or workshop. Young Makers, along with their adult mentors should be willing to explain, demonstrate, and share their project with others.

For more information, visit <u>kidfest.org</u>.

KIDfest is free and open to the public. The event takes place on Sunday, September 23, 10:00 - 5:00 in Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. The event is accessible by the Silver Spring Metro station, and free parking is available in the nearby Wayne Avenue or Bonifant garages. For more information, visit kidfest.org.

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