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Mini Maker Faire Scheduled in August

New Braunfels, TX - The first annual New Braunfels Mini Maker Faire is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center. This event is a free, fun, family-friendly festival celebrating creativity, innovation, and discovery.

“This event will join the roster of other Maker Faires across the nation, offering a chance for community members to celebrate do-it-yourself creativity and tinkering and to see what others in the community are making and doing,” said Library Director Gretchen Pruett.

Attendees will meet makers of all kinds – from artisans and inventors to educators and entertainers – and can shop for crafts and home décor, as well as try their hand at embroidery, tie-dye, soap making, and computer programming.

Featuring both established and emerging local makers, the New Braunfels Mini Maker Faire is a celebration featuring science and technology, urban farming and sustainability, unique hand-made arts and crafts, local music and dance performers, and interactive educational exhibits. Some of the participants include:

- The Texas LEGO Users Group from San Antonio, which will provide a LEGO-filled play area for kids and adults
- Mark Suter of Primitive Texas, who will demonstrate primitive tool-making and basket weaving
- Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, who will perform his science-based, high-energy songs
- FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team #6041, “Field Destruction,” which will show off their driveable robot (which faire attendees can take for a spin)
- The McKenna Children’s Museum, which will have a Van de Graaff generator on display and will conduct science activities
- Adventures in Music Guitar Studio

- Local DJ Ellectronici
- Local dance troupe “Totem,” which will give an exciting improvisational performance of American Tribal Style Belly Dance
- New Braunfels Public Library teen and tween patrons, who will display video games and animations they have created

The faire will also feature a cosplay contest. Entry forms are available online now and volunteers are needed to assist with this activity. More information is available at www.makerfairenewbraunfels.com.

The New Braunfels Mini Maker Faire is independently organized and operated under license from Maker Media, Inc., and produced by the New Braunfels Public Library. Support comes from *The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library* and Comal County Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

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