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→ **GTA Featured Event November 29** **Connecting Tech Businesses and K-12 Education in the Gorge**

Join the Gorge Tech Alliance on Tuesday, Nov. 29 for our monthly Featured Event with a lively panel discussion sharing how some of our regional tech businesses are connecting with our K-12 educational system. From internships to grants, mentorship to events and innovative new programs, our members are committed to inspiring and supporting the region's future workforce. Hear how representatives from Insitu, Google, Project Invent and others are making connections that give back to the community and work for their businesses. Bring your questions, ideas and desire to be inspired.

Event details:

Tuesday, November 29

6:30pm networking, presentation around 7:00pm
Springhouse Cellar Winery, 13 Railroad Ave., Hood River

Free for GTA Members, \$10 for non-GTA members
Appetizers included.

→ **Come Watch the Gorge FIRST**



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Gorge Technology Alliance Mission

To promote and support the successful technology business sector of the Columbia River Gorge.

Through networking and marketing opportunities, educational events, workforce development and by branding the Gorge as an excellent

LEGO League Tournaments!

Everyone is invited to watch the fun and excitement at the three GTA-hosted FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Tournaments in December. These free events are happening from 9am to 3:30pm on December 3 at The Dalles Middle School and December 10 and 11 at Wy'east Middle School near Odell. Many thanks to sponsors Google, Insitu, Innovative Composite Engineering and Turtle Island Foods. [Read more...](#)

➔ Job Openings with GTA Members

[Prigel Machine and Fabrication](#) is hiring an Advanced CNC Programmer to develop CNC programs using Mastercam X5 that reliably, predictably, and efficiently machines products.

Essential Functions: Develop CNC programs for milling and turning applications, determine machining methods, work sequence, selection of tooling and develop part documentation. Design/make fixtures necessary for machining operations. Generate tool path with Mastercam X5 software and machine complex geometry parts. Maintain detailed records of all CNC programs including tooling required and set-up procedure. [Read more...](#)

GTA Members, have an opening? [Email it to us today!](#)

➔ GTA Member News: Insitu, ADASI to Collaborate on Delivery of Innovative ISR in the Middle East

On November 15, Insitu announced a new alliance that will facilitate world-class systems and support for current and future customers in the Middle East. The collaboration with Abu Dhabi Autonomous Systems Investments Company (ADASI), allows for support and sustainment of Insitu's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) unmanned aircraft system (UAS) products and services. [Read more...](#)

location for tech businesses, the GTA creates linkages and support structures for this industry cluster that continues to expand.

Learn more at crgta.org.

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→ GTA Member News: MCEDD Announces SET Program

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) recently received an award from U.S. Department of Agriculture to participate in the "Stronger Economies Together" (SET) program. From January through July 2012, the SET program will provide the region with the latest tools, training, and technical assistance to help the region move forward. This strategic planning process is a great learning experience that will allow MCEDD to enhance the regional economic development plan. Learn more or get involved [here...](#)

→ Funding Resource

[Cleantech Match](#) is a resource for clean technology companies, investors and renewable energy project developers. It is provided to help link clean technology companies to investment opportunities. See also [Government Funding Opportunities](#).

→ Information Session on OEN's 2012 Angel Oregon, Dec. 1

Oregon Entrepreneur Network is ramping up for next year's Angel Oregon, which provides early stage companies an opportunity to compete for a meaningful investment and to get feedback and coaching from experienced entrepreneurs and investors. OEN is working to significantly increase the funding available for 2012 Angel Oregon and hopes to raise enough to invest in more than just one winner.

Upcoming OEN Angel Oregon information and education sessions will cover what angel investors are looking for and what it means to be "investor ready." They will provide information on the Angel Oregon process and the benefits associated with participating. Attendees will learn about the Angel Oregon application and the Angel Oregon term sheet.

[Register today](#) for the Information Session on December 1 in Portland before it fills up!

→ SAO Event, Dec. 9: Evolving

Virtual Teams for Software Development

Software development teams now are commonly project-based and geographically distributed. How can we work effectively with team members in different physical locations? Learn from key open source leaders that with the help of virtual teams produce some of the highest quality, most widely used software today.

December 9, 2011, 8:30am to 5:00pm, Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. [More...](#)



Oregon Leadership Summit, Dec. 12-13

The 9th annual Oregon Leadership Summit will spill over to a second day for the first time to address specifically health care reform and education reform, two issues that have been central to the state's business leadership in the past few years.

This year's summit, to be held Dec. 12-13 at the Oregon Convention Center, is titled "The Stage is Set: It's Time to Deliver," and is again expected to draw 1,000 attendees from around the state. On Day One, there will be updates on regional jobs and economic development opportunities, progress reviews of on Oregon Business Plan initiatives over the past year, and chances to network and brainstorm on how to improve the state's economic outlook. Attending will be U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkely, Gov. John Kitzhaber, Senate president Peter Courtney, and co-speakers Bruce Hanna and Arnie Roblan. [Read more...](#)



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Join the growing list of individuals and businesses who support the tech sector of the Gorge while enjoying all the benefits of [membership](#) or [sponsorship](#). Renewals or joining is quick and painless using PayPal through [our website](#).

Many thanks to these businesses and individuals who have already pledged their support!

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Calendar of Events

November

- **Nov. 29:** GTA Featured Event, 6:30pm, Springhouse Cellars in Hood River

December

- **Dec. 3:** GTA FIRST LEGO League Tournament at The Dalles Middle School
- **Dec. 9:** Evolving Virtual Teams event in Portland (see above)
- **Dec. 10 and 11:** GTA FIRST LEGO League Tournaments at Wy'East Middle School

Stay tuned for information about the GTA's Holiday Party in December. This fun member-only event will be a chance to build connections and celebrate the end of another great year in Gorge tech!

January

- **Jan 24:** GTA Featured Event, 6:30pm at Springhouse Cellar Winery
- **Jan. 24:** Next Gorge PubTalk, 5:30pm at The Pines in Hood River. [Read more...](#)

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