

Gorge Tech Alliance Newsletter

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The GTA supports, connects and develops the technology community of the Columbia River Gorge.

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GTA Robotics Events Dec 3, 4, 10, 11: Last Call for Volunteers!

The GTA-hosted FIRST LEGO League (FLL) robotics tournaments for students ages 9 to 14 are the next two weekends. Here's what you need to know:

THE NUMBERS:

- 485: student participants
- 120: total volunteers needed to staff the tournaments
- 65: teams from elementary and middle schools
- 7: years the GTA has been hosting these events
- 5: Gorge counties represented
- 4: Gorge tournaments
- 3: months the students have been building and programming their robots
- Priceless: the joy you will get from being a...

VOLUNTEER: We still need YOU to be one of those 120 volunteers. Most roles require no robotics experience. Please [contact Jessica today](#). Time commitment is approx. 9am to 3pm.

BRING THE KIDS: These events are fun to watch, especially if you have a young student thinking about robotics. The best times to watch are:

- Dec 3, 9:30am to 2:30pm (except lunch time), The Dalles Middle School
- Dec 4, 9:30am to 1:30pm (except lunch time), The Dalles Middle School
- Dec 10, 9:30am to 2:30pm (except lunch time), Wy'east Middle School
- Dec 11, 9:30am to 1:30pm (except lunch time), Wy'east Middle School

SPONSORS: The GTA hosts these events with the help of our robotics program sponsors:

- **Platinum Sponsors:** Boeing, Google and Insitu
- Silicon Sponsors: Prigel Machine and Zepher
- Community Partners: North Wasco County School District 21, Hood River County School District, Hood River County Education Foundation and White Salmon Valley Education Foundation



The tension mounts at a prior Gorge FLL Tournament.



GTA Members and Sponsors

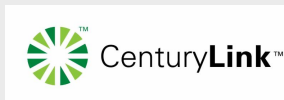
Thank you to our latest renewing and new members and sponsors:

- 4-Tell, Inc.
- Barton Labs
- **BBSI, Silicon Sponsor**
- Beth Alcouloumre, Assoc. Member
- Brad Schrick
- **Columbia Gorge Community College, Silicon Sponsor**
- **Columbia River Insurance, Silicon Sponsor**
- Greenlight Development
- **Hire Electric, Silicon Sponsor**
- Hood River County Library District
- Innovative Composite Engineering
- Jane Beatty
- Jeff Nicol
- Johannes Loschnigg, Assoc. Member
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- Stan Heinemann, Assoc. Member
- **Zepher, Silver Sponsor & Robotics Sponsor**

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RSVP Now for Winter Party and Awards Ceremony, Dec 13

Don't miss the GTA's Winter Party and Awards Ceremony for a fun celebration of another great year for the Gorge's tech industry! Network with your peers and witness the unveiling of our GTA Tech Leader and Tech Organization of the Year.

Through our annual award program, the Gorge Technology Alliance recognizes and thanks the many companies, organizations and individuals working to advance the tech industry and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education in the Columbia River Gorge. Finalists for Tech Leader of the Year and Tech Organization of the Year will be honored and the winner of each award will be revealed at the GTA's Winter Party on December 13.

Details:

Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 to 8:00pm

Solstice Pizza in Hood River

Free as a thank you to our Members!

This is a Member-only event. Pizza and salad buffet included. No-host bar.

[RSVP required to Jessica by Dec. 10](#)

Dec 13: GTA Human Resources/ Recruiters Coffee

This meeting is limited to staff of GTA Members involved with Human Resources and/ or Recruiting. [RSVP to Jessica is required.](#)

Join the GTA for our quarterly meeting of Human Resource / Recruiting staff for opportunities to share resources, build relationships and be a sounding board for all things beneficial to HR within our member companies.

Details:

Tuesday, Dec 13 at 8:30am



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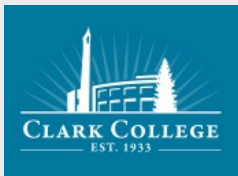


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Zepher, 310 South Larch St., Bingen
Coffee and treats provided.

Human Resources or applicable staff of GTA Members only please. [RSVP required.](#)

Dec 16 GTA Geek Lunch: High Level View of Low Level Graphics Software

Our December 16th Geek Lunch will feature speaker GTA Member Dave Schmitz of [Schmitzware](#) to present a high level view of low level 3D graphics programming. Dave will discuss [OpenGL](#) / WebGL and the GLSL shader programming language along with where things are headed in regards to eventually replacing OpenGL with Vulkan (Android), Metal (Apple), Direct3D (Microsoft).

Details:

Friday, Dec 16 at noon (Note date change!)
China Gorge in Hood River
Free for all to attend; no-host lunch.

Dec 7 Deadline for Grant to Gorge Companies Seeking AS9100 Training

The East Cascades Workforce Investment Board (ECWIB), in partnership with the Gorge Tech Alliance, is offering an opportunity for training support toward ISO 9001:2015/ AS9100D certification.

Project Highlights:

- Businesses must be in Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, or Wheeler Counties
- ECWIB will provide matching funds to up to 5 companies to a maximum of \$5,000 per company.
- Must agree to abide by Scope (contact Jessica Fitzpatrick for details, see below).
- Awarded to qualifying companies on a first come, first served basis.
- To begin the application process a Letter of Intent must be emailed **no later than Dec 7th** to Jessica Fitzpatrick: jessica@eastcascadesworks.org.

For additional information and grant specifics, please contact Jessica Fitzpatrick.

Job Openings with GTA Members

- [4-Tell Inc.](#) is seeking a Lead UI/UX Developer and an Azure Services Developer, as well as Business Dev Leader, Marketing Analyst, Customer Success Associate and Account Executive.
- [Cloud Cap's](#) many openings include Project Manager, Application Engineer, Materials Analyst and Manufacturing Techs, among others.
- [Custom Interface](#) has openings for an Industrial Engineer, Electronics Assembly Specialists, Prototype Specialist and Quality Control Tech.
- [Google The Dalles](#) is seeking Data Center Facilities Techs.
- [Gorge.net](#) is seeking a Network Engineer.
- [Innovative Composite Engineering](#) is seeking Composite Techs and a Mechanical Engineer.
- Some of [Insitu's](#) many openings include Pilot, Systems Engineering Manager, Director of Commercial Solutions and Material Handlers, among others.
- [Real Carbon](#) is seeking a Production Manager and Composite Engineers.
- [Seeq](#) has openings for an Analytics Engineer, Back End/



Full Stack Engineer, Software Engineer and Sales Executive.

- [SigmaDesign](#) has a number of openings, including a Business Development Manager, Mechanical Engineer and others.

Other Events of Interest

- **Dec 1:** Drive Oregon's Election Recap: What's Next for Electric Vehicle Policy? 3-5pm, Portland. [Details.](#)
- **Dec 5:** Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit in Portland. [Details.](#)
- **Dec 7:** OEN Startup Resources Tradeshow. The Portland metro area alone has more than 50 organizations dedicated to helping entrepreneurs. This event is a starting point for new entrepreneurs trying to navigate Oregon's startup ecosystem. Portland. [Details.](#)
- **Dec 9:** Lean Purchasing Webinar with Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Noon. [Details.](#)
- **Jan 24 & 25:** Own Your Future: a Strategic Planning Retreat with GTA Member Catalyst Performance Consulting. [Details.](#)
- **Feb 16:** Government Contracting Conference with Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition at Camp Withycombe. [Details.](#)

Gorge Holiday MakerSpace Camps for Kids, Dec 19 - 23

Make your spirit bright with LEDs at Gorge MakerSpace! Students will learn to build circuits and solder while making one-of-a-kind holiday presents and decorations that will shine all year long. Dec 19-23 in White Salmon. Morning for 8-10 year olds, afternoons for 11-14 year olds. Sign up ASAP to save your spot! [Click here for more info.](#)

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