

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 Events in October

October 11: CEO Excellence Forum

CEOs and upper level managers are invited to our next CEO Excellence Forum to share leadership tips and experiences with speaker Chris Borkenhagen. Chris is the Vice President of IT at [Concur](#), a part of SAP, that delivers cloud-based services that make it simple to manage travel and expense. He is also an Advisory Board member for [Konnexe](#), looking to build a Communities based mobile first application for CIO's around the globe who can connect, collaborate and share thought leadership strategies, stories and vendor recommendations. [Read more about Chris here.](#)

Event Details:

Oct 11, noon at China Gorge in Hood River
[RSVP required.](#) CEOs and upper level managers only.
Free to attend; no-host lunch.

October 18: Geek Lunch on Timber Technology and Windows Software Development

Join us for a tour of timber processing technology developed right here in the Gorge. [Nelson Brothers Engineering](#) in Trout Lake offers scanning, optimization and controls for sawmill machinery to help customers get the most and best product out of every log as it passes real-time through a sawmill. Jeff Nelson will offer a product tour and share his business and technology experiences as context for conversation about Windows software development. We hope to chat about technologies to develop Windows-based GUI programs, such as Microsoft Visual Studio (.NET/WPF/XAML) as well as alternative cross-platform SDKs such as Qt. Please join us if you're a developer of Windows applications of any sort.

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October 25: Featured Event: Open Floor!

Our regular monthly networking event will open the floor this month for YOUR updates! The GTA will share some updates from the organization as well - what we're working on, how we're doing - and ask for ideas for future Featured Event topics. Join us!

Event Details:

Oct 25, 6:30pm, White Buffalo Wine Bar in Hood River
Appetizers provided. Free for GTA Members; \$10 for non-members.

GTA Annual Membership Drive

It's that special time of year- the GTA's annual membership drive! Please show your support for the Gorge Tech Alliance and the work we do in connecting, supporting and developing the tech community of the Gorge by joining or renewing as a member or sponsor. Your support allows us to develop events, work on common issues and promote STEM education in the region, all to

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grow our tech industry. Membership and sponsorship come with a full list of benefits in addition to the glow you get from doing something good! View our [member benefits here](#) or [sponsor benefits here](#) and then sign up easily on [our website here!](#)

Thank you to these members and sponsors who have already renewed!

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Welcome to our newest members!

- [Columbia Gorge Education Service District](#)
- [East Cascades Workforce Investment Board](#)

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 HR Generalist, Manufacturing and Software Engineers, among others.
- [Columbia Gorge Community College](#) is seeking a Career Pathways Career Coach.
- [Custom Interface](#) is seeking an Industrial Engineer, Corporate Administrator and Customer Support Specialist.
- [Google The Dalles](#) is seeking Data Center Facilities Techs.
- [Gorge.net](#) is seeking a Network Engineer.
- [Innovative Composite Engineering](#) is seeking Composite Techs and Payroll Specialist.
- Some of [Insitu's](#) many openings include Accounting Supervisor, Project Manager Specialist, Procurement Financial Analyst, Software Engineer and techs, among others.
- [Sagotech](#) is hiring a Project Administrator.
- [Seeq](#) has openings for an Analytics Engineer, Back End/ Full Stack Engineer, Software Engineer and Sales Executive.
- [Zepher](#) is seeking an Assembly Tech, Purchasing Agent and a [Director of Manufacturing Operations](#).

Seeking Interest in ISO 9001 / AS9100 Assistance

The GTA is closer to offering a consortium approach to assist businesses in implementing ISO 9001 / AS9100 Quality Management Systems. Please [let us know](#) if your company would be interested!

ISO 9001/AS9100 Standards Change: Oct 13 Seminar in



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On Oct 13, Impact Washington is hosting a one-day seminar on ISO 9001/AS9100 Standards Change. The focus of the new standards is:

- Less on written procedures and more on process effectiveness
- Less on reacting to problems and more on proactive operational improvements

Impact Washington understands the standards are simply the best practices that all Management Systems should include. Unlike other firms, we do not push a canned program. Instead we work with your company and your processes to ensure the best practices are implemented in a method that is right sized for your organization. Come and let us take the anxiety out of adapting to the new standards and recertification!

Cost is \$350 per participant. Lunch provided and materials provided. Two or more participants will be discounted to \$325. Event will take place on Thursday, October 13 from 8 AM until 4 PM in Vancouver, WA. [Register here.](#)

Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference Comes to Hood River, Oct 20-21

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference draws attendees from all regions of the state to share ideas, experiences and knowledge about telecommunications.

The 2016 conference presenters and attendees will explore aspects of Generation Mobility as broadband enabled mobile devices increasingly serve users as a telephone, computer, camera, entertainment center, map, compass, calculator, library, wallet, personal trainer, health monitor, and more.

Keynote Speaker this year is Peggy Smedley, an internationally-known speaker and highly-respected personality in the media world educating businesses and consumers on the latest technological advances shaping everyday lives. She is a recognized pioneer in the M2M and IoT space and an outspoken advocate and supporter of security and connected devices.

The event is October 20-21 at the Hood River Inn. View the full agenda or register at oregonconnections.info.

Leadership Series Starts October 20 at CGCC

On October 20, Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) is launching a series on Leadership Skills for the High Performance Workplace, with Marge and Mike Cieri of Mardac Consultants.

This high-level, upbeat seminar series targets organizations who want to compete more effectively by increasing employee involvement. It is designed to give participants the technical skills necessary to turn them into exceptional performance managers and supervisors.

Workshops meet monthly in Hood River from October to June on the third Thursdays from 1-5 p.m. and cover:

- Moving from Peer to Supervisor
- Emotional Intelligence
- Hiring Right the First Time
- Holding Yourself and Others Accountable
- Coaching for Great Results
- Building Engagement and Motivation
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Problem Solving and Critical Thinking



- Team Building for Greater Performance

Tuition for the entire series is \$750, or \$99 per class. Preregistration is required by calling the college at 541-506-6011. View a [summary of the classes here](#) or [full descriptions here](#).

Grants for Manufacturing Firms Impacted by Low Cost Imports

Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center has grants available for trade-impacted manufacturers and producers. If your company has been impacted due to low cost imports, they offer up to \$75,000 in matching federal dollars to help with firm improvement projects. The Center can quickly assess eligibility and help with the application at no cost.

More information can be found at www.nwtaac.org or contact Patrick Meuleman directly at patrick@nwtaac.org or 208-343-6855.

GTA Member News: Communicate with Confidence Class Offered by Catalyst Performance Consulting

Do you avoid challenging conversations with staff members until it's too late? Does communicating with certain co-workers drive you bananas? Do you miss opportunities to boldly share your ideas?

GTA Member Catalyst Performance Consulting offers Communicate with Confidence on November 15, 9am to noon in Hood River. In this interactive class, participants will learn some of the Psychology behind communication, and they will walk away with tips for improving their communication skills with customers, employees and business partners. [Learn more or register here.](#)

Volunteer Needs

Hood River Valley High School is seeking college-educated adult tutors with a background in math or science to support their [AVID](#) program. Commitment is every other Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30am starting October 13th. Training is provided. Contact [Garrett Apland](#) for more information.

The GTA's annual robotics tournaments are looking for volunteers! We have opportunities for people from all backgrounds and training is provided. Help just one day or several days on Dec 3, 4, 10, 11 and January 21 and 22. Contact [Jessica](#) for more information.

Events Calendar

Great events in and out of the Gorge of interest to our tech community:

- Oct 11: [GTA CEO Excellence Forum](#), noon at China Gorge.
- Oct 17-19: [Pacific Northwest Software Quality Conference](#) in Portland.
- Oct 18: [GTA Geek Lunch](#) on Timber Tech and Windows Software Development, noon at China Gorge.
- Oct 19-21: [AUVSI Cascade Chapter Fall Conference](#) in Portland. Includes STEM Benefit Dinner, Conference and workshops on drone startup or mapping with drones.

- Oct 20: "[Team Goal Setting - Should You Do It and How?](#)" noon webinar with OEN.
- Oct 20-21: [Oregon Connections: Generation Mobility Conference](#) in Hood River.
- **Oct 25: GTA Featured Event, 6:30pm at White Buffalo.**



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