

April 14, 2014

Dear student & parent:

Thanks for your interest in the Maker Faire field trip happening Saturday May 17, 2014. Forty five students and five teachers will travel by bus from Analy high school down to the Maker Faire at the San Mateo county fairgrounds for a day of exploring and adventure. The Maker Faire is put on by Maker Media, a Sebastopol company, and features inventions, robots, welding, flame throwers, wooden bicycles, computers, music, electronics, electric vehicles and other fascinating things. Get more info at [www.makerfaire.com](http://www.makerfaire.com).

The field trip this year is sponsored by the Analy GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program and is open to all Analy students.

Important notes:

- We meet at Analy at 7:30AM on Saturday May 17 in front of the main building. The bus leaves at 7:45AM, and we plan to be back to Analy by around 6:30PM.
- Once at the faire, students are unsupervised. We arrive together, enter together, and then disperse until our agreed-upon meeting time, when we meet at the bus to return home.
- Reservations are first-come, first-served. To reserve a spot on the bus you must return the attached permission slip form to Mr. Hays in room 103 along with a \$10 cash deposit (please no checks). The \$10 will be returned to you on May 17 when you show up and get on the bus in the morning. (If you don't show up, your money is donated to the donut fund.)
- Admission and the bus transportation are covered by the GATE program. Students should bring their own lunches, or bring money to buy lunch (or use the \$10 you get back when you get on the bus.) *In other words, there is no cost to students for coming on this field trip, except that you are responsible for your own meals and snacks.* Most exhibits at the faire are free, but there are some things that cost money. Sunscreen, a water bottle, and walking shoes are great to have.
- If you come down with us on the bus but want to return by another method (i.e. other friends who are at the faire, relatives, etc.) *then you must make this arrangement clear with Mr. Hays in writing before the end of the school day Wednesday May 14.* A signed note from your parent or guardian is required to make arrangements like this (plus our principal needs to approve the plan.)

If you are interested in joining us on the field trip, get your permission slip filled out as soon as possible, as space is limited. If you have any questions check in with Mr. Hays, contact info below.

Cheers, Mr. Hays

*Permission slip with faire liability waiver form attached: please get parent/guardian signature, \$10 cash, and return to Mr. Hays to reserve your spot. **Keep this paper** so you have the details of what's happening. If you sign up and then need to cancel, please let Mr. Hays know as soon as possible, so someone else has a chance to go (and you get your \$10 back :-)*