

Colorado Construciton Career Days Construction Highlight Careers

This is the 9th year for the annual Colorado Construction Career Days. Despite an economic downturn, the construction, engineering and architectural community has again come together to host the unique event to encourage students from high schools across the state to explore and consider a career in construction, engineering and architecture. This event is unique in that rarely does an industry provide a total hands on experience as large and diverse as this, for career exploration. All the Activities and Equipment are interactive whether it is an Activity by the Laborers about one of their trades, to designing a Landscape, and everything in between.

Bus loads of Students arrive to be greeted by a Group Leader from the industry, who stays with them throughout the morning , to guide them through their schedule of Activities. It gives the students an opportunity to ask the Group Leader about his/her own career, and explain in more detail the career activities they are experiencing. They serve as ambassadors and guides to individuals that may choose construction as a career.

Volunteers Make it Happen

The event could not be possible without hundreds of industry volunteers helping over the three days of the event. With 72 Activities available throughout the Adams County Fairgrounds, hundreds of volunteers help to host well over 1600 students and educators. Group Leaders are only one segment of the volunteers. Other volunteers deliver heavy highway equipment, and construction vehicles and then assist the students to sit, maneuver, lift and lower and even go up on them. So many volunteers spend the morning to help students to try out welding, or wire an electrical box, frame or sheetrock a wall, tryout their computer skills to design a bridge, or use software for a BIM experience. Dozens of trades men and women share their expertise to help the students make a box to take home, try pipefitting, surveying, and mechanical activities.

You can be a Volunteer

The schools return year after year with new and returning students to get involved in the many Activities. The same is true of volunteers that return each year. However, there is always a need for additional volunteers. The first day of the event focuses on getting the Activities and miscellaneous needs set up at the Fairgrounds. The next two days are devoted to interacting with the students through the activities. If you have an interest in participating in this tremendous event which showcases construction and possibly your own career, you should plan to participate. All you have to do is register by either calling 303-288-2422 and say "I want to volunteer at Construciton Career Days" or go to www.Coloradoconstructioncareerdays.com/volunteer and register to help on day 1, day 2 or day 3. If you have questions, call Lee at 303-388-2422 or Terry at 303-290-6611.

Free Training Through Grant Coming to a Close

The Green Careers for Coloradans Grant is winding down with only two months left to utilize training at no cost. If you have been interested in possibly taking the LEED Green Associate exam or a LEED AP+ Specialty exam, or are in need of Continuing Education credits (CMPs) you still have two months to register for the remaining classes. The final months to register for classes are September and October. Check the AGC website, www.agccolorado.org Training and Classes for class dates and locations.

The LEED CMP New "*Construction & Contractor Awareness*" Course provides GBCI (Green Building Certification Institute) Approved LEED Specific Hours for professionals looking to stay current in reporting their continuing education hours for the GBCI. For the Green Associate, it provides 3 LEED Specific Hours and for the LEED AP/AP+ it provides 6 LEED Specific Hours. This program is geared toward professionals participating in the design and construction phases of durable and economical high-performance buildings. Accredited professionals apply their knowledge to commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential construction projects. Besides the continuing education hours, the course prepares you for the LEED BD&C specialty exam.