

Tech Fighting the Wildfires (Tech FTW)

Innovation competition to help wildfire victims

Community Expert Packet

August 5-7, 2016



Presented by KIT Community, All for One Movement

About the Event

Tech Fighting the Wildfires is a local innovation competition to develop innovative tools to help with wildfire response and disaster relief efforts. We hope that participants will work together to build tools that can make a difference, and also learn more about how to better help disaster relief efforts in the future.

The KIT Community, a local startup company, is organizing the event in collaboration with the All for One Movement, a relief organization for Erskine fire victims.

We anticipate participation of about 40-50 professionals.

Why Help with Tech FTW?

Networking with innovative minds – Get the chance to network with competing teams and volunteers working to build innovative tools solving a local problem. See local talented and innovative individuals work together for a great cause.

Help teams build technologies that can help – Community leaders and experts know what the community needs to help respond to natural disasters such as wildfires. By lending your expertise, you will help the teams build solutions that can help the community and also your organization to better respond in the future.

Tips for Helping

Donate promotional items – Your logo will be placed in front of an audience of innovators. Your brand will be associated with useful innovations, new opportunities, and community support. We would really like to have event t-shirts made.

Deliver a workshop – Workshops led by community speakers are how participants will get ideas for building technology that will be useful for the community. You can also get to know the participants and their ideas better. These are great ways for teams to get feedback from the community.

Mentor or volunteer – Local community leaders and organizations can provide great expertise for local teams. Consider being available as a mentor for the teams or volunteer during the event to help accomplish the mission of creating technology tools that help the community. Saturday is the best day to mentor, as teams will still be fleshing out their ideas.

Be a Judge – Teams will be judged on community benefit and technical skill. Your organization would be in a great position to help our other judges determine what team best met community needs. Judges are required to be present during the closing ceremony Sunday, August 7 from 6pm to 9pm at the MESH Cowork space.

How would you like to help?

- Donate promotional items (_____)
- Deliver a workshop (please circle one: Saturday am or pm, Sunday am)
- Mentor (availability: _____)
- Volunteer (availability: _____)
- Judge (area of expertise: _____)
- I might want to help monetarily, send me a sponsorship information package
- Other (_____)

Any help is greatly appreciated! We really believe that involving the community is important for the success of this event and for generating truly useful technologies from this competition.

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If you require a receipt of contribution, please let us know.

Additional Information about the Event

For Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech-fighting-the-wildfires-tech-ftw-tickets-26573786912>

For Event Updates: <https://www.facebook.com/events/968510106598805/>

Event Flyer and Draft Agenda in Attachment