



Urban TEC's Technology, College and Career Virtual Event

November 4, 2021 - Technology Sessions: *Middle and High Schools Students*

November 5, 2021 - College & Career Exhibit Hall: *High School Students*

CONFERENCE FAQ's

What is the purpose of the conference?

Urban TEC's Technology, College and Career Virtual Event will expose and engage middle and high school students to a range of technology experiences such as coding, animation, Raspberry Pi, and more. Additionally, high school students will be able to walk through an exhibit hall to check out different colleges and universities such as University of Missouri School of Engineering and University of Central Missouri School of Technology, as well as a variety of companies to learn more about STEAM-related careers.

Who should attend?

Teachers who would like their classes/students to have this experience. Middle or high school students who are interested in experiencing technology, exploring STEAM-related colleges and careers.

Why is this type of conference important?

This conference is especially important, during these pandemic times, because STEAM-related careers are still in high demand. This virtual event provides the opportunity for students to explore technology, visit recruiters from different colleges/universities and talk to companies to find out how to prepare for a STEAM-related career.

What is the benefit to the student?

This virtual event offers a variety of advantages. First and foremost, such large gatherings provide a great opportunity for networking, an essential skill for students to learn. Walking around the venue, they can meet many like-minded people and make high-value connections that can benefit their educational and professional career. Secondly, such gatherings inspire. Attending them can really encourage young people to keep developing academically and professionally, which is also a plus.

Is this considered a field trip?

Yes, teachers have presented the virtual event as an online field trip to administration. As a field trip, students can be excused from classes as determined by the respective school's field trip policy and procedures.

Do we need to get parent permission/consent for students to attend the virtual event?

This is a school site-based decision based on the respective school field trip policy.

Can students in virtual school attend?

Yes, they can register on their own through Eventbrite; however, students must register with a school email address. If they don't have one, then they must contact connect@urbantec.org for school verification.

Can students earn extra credit for attending?

That will be up to the teacher and/or school who is excusing the student to attend the virtual event.

How can I get students interested in attending?

You can let them know that this is not the typical online conference setting that they are used to. The exVo platform is an immersive 3D environment where they can move around as an Avatar between the main room, breakout sessions, exhibit hall (*high school only*) and the allotted social spaces.

Do students have to stay for the whole four hours?

No, students can select to attend the conference as their schedule permits. Students, with a teacher's consent, may attend a session(s), leave the conference and then return.

Will student information be shared?

No, neither Urban TEC nor exVo will share or sell student information.

Can I register my class of students?

Yes, in Eventbrite, you can create a group with a password. Provide your students with the name of the group and password to have them complete their own registration.

Is the virtual event open for anyone to attend?

No, the virtual event is only open for attendees who are verified with a school email address or as a homeschool parent or student (after verification).

Can students communicate/text each other through the platform?

No, the text/message feature will be disabled so students cannot communicate with each other during sessions. However, students will be able to “talk” to each other in the passing time between sessions. Students will also be able to communicate during the allotted social times.

Can students roam around in the platform while the breakout sessions are going on?

No, once the breakout sessions start, lingering students will be administratively transported into the session they registered for.

Can students skip the activities on the main stage and other group activities?

No, students will be administratively transported to join all large group activities.

Is there a fee for students to attend?

Yes, there is a \$10/student fee to attend; however, Early Bird registration is \$8.00/student through October 20, 2021 @ 11:59pm CST. Also, group discounts will be given for groups of 25 or more. Email connect@urbantec.org for details.

Is there early registration?

Yes, Early Bird registration is through October 20, 2021 @ 11:59pm CST at the cost of \$8.00/student. Student ticket prices will go up to \$10.00/student on Thursday, Oct 21, 2021 at 12:00am CST.

How late can students register to attend?

Registration will remain open for Thursday, November 4th through Nov 3, 2021 at 11:59pm CST. Registration will remain open for Friday, November 5th until Nov 4, 2021 at 11:59pm CST.

Can a student register on their own without registering through their school?

Yes, however, the student must have a school email address - no personal email addresses will be accepted. Contact connect@urbantec.org for more information.

Is there a fee for teachers to attend?

No, teachers will receive a complimentary VIP All Access Pass to attend both days of the virtual event to attend the session(s) of their choice. Teachers will receive their VIP Pass once they have been verified through their school email address and school website.

Will there be a “space” for teachers?

Yes, there will be a Teacher’s Lounge for meetups and networking. There will also be presentations and resources to share.

Can I use a purchase order to pay for the students’ registration?

Yes, you can pay via purchase order, invoice or credit card through Eventbrite. Email connect@urbantec.org for any additional questions.

What is the Eventbrite link to register?

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/urban-tecs-technology-college-and-career-virtual-live-event-tickets-178168214927>

Can I invite other teachers and other schools to have their students / classes to attend?

Yes, just have them go to the Eventbrite link to register.

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