



Central New York's Drone Community Promoting STEM Education & Safety Awareness

We're CNY Drones, a group of volunteers providing a local informational hub, along with clinics, workshops, demonstrations and a STEM-based team drone competition created out of concern for our community and backed by local organizations.

Location, Location, Location - Still Needed

Rig Rescue, our STEM-based Indoor Team Drone Challenge seeks a host location for a 3-hour Kick-Off Clinic and a 9-hour Competition. We've been ready to promote the events through regional demonstrations and smaller programs. The great people at Griffiss International Airport have done their best to accommodate us while renting their hangar to drone technology companies. We're happy that space is filling fast. Unfortunately, netted hanger space is now limited to an area that lacks restroom facilities. Portable facilities are not a part of our limited budget.

We recently met with OHM BOCES and see promise in turning Rig Rescue into a pilot program in partnership with the Greater Mohawk Valley STEM Hub. As BOCES reaches out to local school districts regarding interest, we're getting excited about the possibility of getting involved with more like-minds who see the benefit of getting schools aligned with the growing college and employment pipeline in Oneida County. We've also met with the Utica Parks Department & the Boys & Girls Club of the Mohawk Valley. We see great potential in growing programs at the Parkway Rec Center with inner-city youth and seniors. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

June 25th Tiny Whoop Workshop

Our volunteers are getting ready to run a 4-hour Tiny Whoop Workshop on Sunday, June 25th, at the Utica Children's Museum, **for serious drone enthusiasts** ages 11+. We hope to grow the pool of local indoor drone racers and freestylers as part of our MultGP Chapter and Model Aviation Student Club. Workshop goal: participants will leave with a real working drone kit and the knowledge to get started practicing, repairing - and maybe even racing - with the rest us. Workshop is limited to 10 participants. \$325 pre-registration fee covers a complete racing standard drone kit. We're determined to provide enthusiasts with components that we've used and feel are reasonable beginner quality vs. toy grade. We plan to offer more workshops in partnership with other community organizations and hope to start attracting sponsors to help us make kits accessible to those in need. Interested in attending on June 25th? Registration information at CNYDrones.org.

*Help us succeed!
Join our volunteer
community!*



Help us by painlessly contributing to our Clynk Recycling Fundraiser at area Hannaford Stores. Contact us and we'll send you our bar-coded bags to get started.


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@RoboSpartans Robotics operates as a volunteer run STEM group, graciously hosted under the 501(c)3 of the Griffiss Institute in cooperation with great community resources. Please contact us for donation instructions.

New Affiliations!

We're now affiliated with AMA - Academy of Model Aeronautics as a Model Student Aviation Club. Check out our website as we begin to organize club events.

We're also officially a MultGP Chapter! CNY Drones volunteers continue to share information with the Town of Cicero Parks Department on purchasing materials to set up a MultiGP course and their very first race/Drone Invasion Day. Area drone racing enthusiasts (who are also our core volunteers) are excited to have an outdoor park and time trial race set up within a reasonable driving distance. We hope to spark interest in more events where we can emphasize STEM with activities for spectators.

Invites & Events

We have a great deal going on during a real busy time of year. We can't make it all happen without more volunteers. Plenty of events where you can share and learn. We hate turning down invites! All are fun & rewarding experiences! Let us know your interest!



6/6/17 & 6/7/17 Quad Copters for Girls - We were invited to present at Project Fibonacci's upcoming event. Unfortunately, our key volunteers are not available for this 2-day event. We wish Project Fibonacci the best with their program and hope we can be of assistance next time around.

7/8/17 Boilermaker Expo – we're planning a 2nd annual interactive demo thanks to Carbone Auto Group. Our volunteers will also be helping with the Race Goodie Bag Distribution on behalf of our great sponsor.

What the Truck? Tuesdays at Canal Park - KISS FM - We're checking with volunteers to see who would consider demonstrating and sharing their knowledge at one or more of this summer's great food truck events. We'll post any date(s) we arrange on our website. (Tuesdays, June 7 - June 20)

7/15/17 FLX Maker Fest @ Greater Canandaigua Civic Ctr. – We had to decline as the event is 2 hours away and we lacked volunteer numbers. We appreciated the offer for some great flying space to promote drones in STEM! Maybe next summer!

7/20/17 New Hartford Fire Truck Spectacular Demo - New Hartford Fire Department graciously invited us to share with their anticipated 3,000 attendees at the annual event in the New Hartford Shopping Center parking lot. Check us out from 6:00-9:00pm and don't miss all the great rescue rigs on display! It's a great free family event on a summer evening!

Utica Parkway Center - We're proposing a couple of events in partnership with our new friends at the Utica Parks Department and Boys & Girls Club of the Mohawk Valley. What a wonderful central location! Ideas are flying!

Utica Children's Museum - Based on the great response from Drone Clinic 2, we've kept the nets in place on the 3rd Floor and we're coordinating schedules to come up with more events. Let us know what you'd like to see for this summer and fall as we grow our Tiny Whoop numbers and make great use of that great 3rd floor space!

11/16/17 Boy Scouts - Whitesboro, NY – We're planning an interactive demonstration for November 16th to meet with their large group of 50+ scouts.

Advertising/Sponsor Opportunity

Want to advertise your business at our upcoming STEM demonstrations, competitions and unofficial meet-ups?
We're looking for sponsors for event feather flags!
Contact us as we're open to your ideas to help us and your business!

We appreciate community support of our events!

