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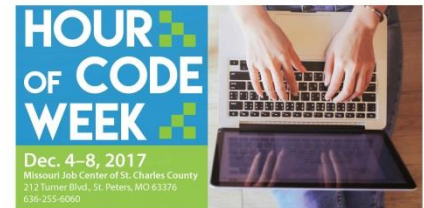
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THIRD ANNUAL ‘HOUR OF CODE WEEK’ COMING TO ST. CHARLES COUNTY

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO --- For the third consecutive year, the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County will be hosting a number of special activities to encourage interest and pursuit of information technology careers during Hour of Code Week, Dec. 4-8. Hour of Code is a global movement emphasizing computer science as a strong foundation for 21st century careers.

“Hour of Code Week 2017 promises to be bigger and better than ever in St. Charles County,” says Scott J. Drachnik, Director of the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development. “We will be offering three specialized computer workshops this year, and instead of a traditional job fair, we have scheduled an IT Meet-Up at the OPO Startups in Historic St. Charles County. Along with food and prizes, this will be a great opportunity for IT employers, trainers, professionals and job-seekers to connect.”



What is Hour of Code?
Hour of Code is a global movement that places emphasis on computer science as a strong foundation for 21st century careers. The movement reaches tens of millions of people of all ages in 180+ countries. Anyone can learn the basics! Hour of Code promotes a one-hour introduction designed to demystify code.

In honor of National Hour of Code week, the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County is hosting several events. The events will be held at the job center facility, 212 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters, unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

Registration is requested. For more information or to register, contact Lori Myers at lmyers@sccmo.org or 636-255-6060, ext. 5260.

- Intro to Coding Workshop
9-10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 4
- Intro to Object Oriented Programming
4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6
- Cyber Security Workshop
9-10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 7
- IT Meet-Up at OPO Startups in Historic St. Charles
119 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301
5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7
- Hour of Code Online Self-Tutorials
11 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5
1-4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6
12-5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8

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Following is the schedule of events for Hour of Code Week 2017:

- **Intro to Computer Coding Workshop** – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 4
- **Intro to Object Oriented Programming** – 4 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6
- **Cyber Security Workshop** – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 7
- **IT Meet-Up at OPO Startups in Historic St. Charles** – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7
- **Hour of Code Week Online Self-Tutorials**
 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4
 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5
 - 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6
 - 12 noon to 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7
 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8

Except for the IT Meet-Up, all events will be held at the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County located at 212 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters.

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“From those who are just curious about software coding to companies looking for new IT employees, we believe Hour of Code Week 2017 offers something for everyone in St. Charles County,” Drachnik says.

All events are free to attend; pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Lori Myers at lmyers@sccmo.org or 636-255-6060, ext. 5260.

For free and fun online tutorials in software coding for people of all ages and abilities, visit <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>.

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Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.