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SVMA Opens Registration for 3rd Annual High School Manufacturing Tic Tac Toe Challenge

Sacramento, CA — High school students across Greater Sacramento are invited to join the **3rd Annual High School Manufacturing Tic Tac Toe Challenge**, hosted by the Sacramento Valley Manufacturers Alliance (SVMA) on **Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9:00 am – 2 pm, at the Citrus Heights Community Events Center.**

Students will **design and build a functional tic-tac-toe game** inside a 6.5-inch cube, using at least one subtractive manufacturing process (milling, turning, laser cutting). Electronics are optional. The competition connects students with **local manufacturers** while offering **\$5,000 in scholarships and awards** for creativity, innovation, technical skill, and mentorship.

“SVMA is committed to nurturing the next generation of skilled manufacturers,” said **Kevin McGrew, SVMA President.** “This Challenge gives students hands-on experience and direct industry connections.”

“This event strengthens our regional manufacturing pipeline by giving students a platform to demonstrate skills and connect with employers,” said **Dean Peckham, Executive Director of SVMA.**

Schools already registered include Cosumnes Oaks, El Dorado, Kennedy, Laguna Creek, Nevada Union, Oak Ridge, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Vista Del Lago, and Woodland — but **all Greater Sacramento high school students are welcome.**

Learn more & register: <https://sacvalleymfg.org/2026-high-school-manufacturing-challenge/>

About SVMA: The Sacramento Valley Manufacturers Alliance strengthens the region’s manufacturing sector through workforce development, education, and industry collaboration.

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