

OCTOBER  
2022

DISCOVER  
*Kalispell*  
MANUFACTURING  
ALLIANCE 2.0

**SIGN UP  
FOR TOURS  
TODAY!**

CELEBRATE FLATHEAD  
**MANUFACTURING**

EVENTS  
SURROUNDING

**MFG**  
**DAY**



## FALL 2022

Welcome to Manufacturing Month! The Manufacturing Alliance, a program of Discover Kalispell Chamber, is delighted to invite you to participate in celebrating the breadth and quality of products made right here in the Flathead Valley. Throughout the month of October there will be exclusive facility tours and events with the leading businesses and employers in the Flathead.

Manufacturing plays a vital role in our local economy. This sector comprises 28% of Flathead County's basic industry earnings according to the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research. These Kalispell Chamber member manufacturers represent an incredibly diverse array of companies producing a wide variety of products including those in machining, communication equipment, firearms, skin care, food and beverage, supplements, building materials, semiconductor, furniture, timber products, electrical, concrete, and more.



Manufacturing Month is for the entire community. We look forward to sharing the quality products made here, how Montana fits into the national manufacturing stage, the educational paths that can lead to a career in manufacturing, and what high-quality, high-paying jobs are available right here, right now. Sign up today!



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We have THREE different types of “behind the scenes” tours this year!  
Learn more and sign up at: <https://business.kalispellchamber.com/mfgtour>  
or call 406-758-2803.



## COMMUNITY

Community Tours: The Flathead Valley community is invited to learn more about these manufacturers, their products, and distinct manufacturing process.

### OCTOBER 4TH

Mountain Meadow Herbs - 11:00am  
Fortis Solutions Group - 3:00pm

### OCTOBER 5TH

Kettle Care Botanicals - 1:00pm  
SunRift Beer Company - 3:00pm

### OCTOBER 7TH

Defiance Machine - 11:00am  
Applied Materials (Reserve) - 2:00pm

### OCTOBER 12TH

ClassOne Technology - 9:00am  
PROOF Research - 11:00am  
RightOnTrek - 2:00pm  
Waters Edge Winery & Bistro - 3:00pm  
Glacier Distilling - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 13TH

Nomad GCS - 3:00pm  
Daily Inter Lake - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 14TH

Whitefish Handcrafted Spirits - 3:00pm  
Bias Brewing - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 19TH

Timber Tour - 12:30 - 4:30pm



## STUDENTS & EDUCATORS

Student & Educator Tours: Calling students of all ages, their families, and teachers! Learn about the products produced, the manufacturing process, and the educational pathways and skills needed for a career in the manufacturing industry.

### OCTOBER 4TH

Defiance Machine - 4:00pm  
Kettle Care Botanicals - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 5TH

Fortis Solutions Group - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 6TH

Mountain Meadow Herbs - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 7TH

Applied Materials (Reserve) - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 12TH

PROOF Research - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 13TH

Weyerhaeuser (Kalispell) - 12:00pm  
Daily Inter Lake - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 14TH

Glacier Precast Concrete - 4:00pm

### HURRY, SPACE IS LIMITED!

Most tours will not accept walk-ins!  
Sign up for the tours ahead of  
time by registering at  
<https://business.kalispellchamber.com/mfgtours>  
or by calling the  
Kalispell Chamber at 406-758-2803



## JOB SEEKERS

Job Seekers Tours: Have you always wondered what it would be like to work for a local manufacturer? Want to learn more about their operation, products produced, company culture, benefits, and more? If you are seeking employment, this tour is tailor-made for you.

### OCTOBER 3RD

Fortis Solutions Group - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 4TH

Defiance Machine - 12:00pm  
Mountain Meadow Herbs - 4:00pm

### OCTOBER 5TH

F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber - 10:00am  
Kettle Care Botanicals - 4:30pm

### OCTOBER 6TH

Connector Tech - 2:00pm

### OCTOBER 7TH

Applied Materials (Reserve) - 12:00pm

### OCTOBER 12TH

ClassOne Technology - 3:00pm

### OCTOBER 13TH

PROOF Research - 12:00pm  
Nomad GCS - 3:00pm

### OCTOBER 14TH

Glacier Precast Concrete - 12:00pm

### OCTOBER 17TH

Weyerhaeuser (MDF) - 12:00pm

### OCTOBER 21ST

Nomad GCS - 3:00pm - 7:00pm

# MANUFACTURING EVENTS & TOURS



## PLATINUM SPONSOR

### APPLIED MATERIALS (RESERVE DRIVE)

[www.appliedmaterials.com](http://www.appliedmaterials.com)

655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell ●●●



The Reserve facility is the HQ for the Applied Materials PPC Business Unit in Kalispell. Approximately 350 individuals are employed at the facility. There will be a short presentation on Applied Materials and some specific information about the PPC Business Unit in Kalispell. The tour will be about 45 minutes. It will highlight the manufacturing areas, the process lab, and the R&D area. On arrival, please park in the front of the building in the visitor parking or in the first lot on the left and enter at the front entrance of the building. Tour limited to 15 people.

### BIAS BREWING

[www.biasbrewing.com](http://www.biasbrewing.com)

412 Main Street, Kalispell ●



Bias Brewing is a brewery, taproom, and restaurant. We make NW inspired ales, sours, seltzers, kombucha, and barrel aged lambic style beers. We self-distribute our products to bars and restaurants in Flathead, Lake, and Lincoln counties. We have 25 employees including brewers, packaging/distribution professionals, and restaurant staff. Our mission is to build community through craft brewing by partnering with non-profits and creating a welcoming space for all. In 4 years, we have founded events to raise over \$150,000 for non-profits. We look forward to seeing you at our new Main Street location! *\*Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*

## BRONZE SPONSOR

### CLASSONE TECHNOLOGY

[www.classone.com](http://www.classone.com)

Community Tour: 3165 US Hwy 93 South, Kalispell ●

Job Seeker Tour: 109 Cooperative Way, Kalispell ●



ClassOne Technology develops high tech process equipment for the rapidly growing semiconductor industry. We ship our

systems to chip manufacturers all around the world. Our customers use our Solstice and Trident products to help them develop and manufacture next generation chips. We play an important part in enabling the surprising technologies that define our future. All headquartered right here, in Kalispell MT. We frequently have career openings in a broad range of roles, from entry level production jobs to skilled technicians, from sales to traveling service jobs, from accounting roles to engineering roles of almost every discipline. Whether you are looking to join the exhilarating field of semiconductors or you simply get excited about the amazing things that get made right here in the Flathead Valley, you should consider joining one of our Manufacturing Month tours.

### CONNECTOR TECH

[www.cltlmt.com](http://www.cltlmt.com)

135 Industrial Court, Kalispell ●



BJG Electronics Group/Connector Tech LLC is a well-recognized franchised distributor of interconnect products from leading connector OEMs. Connector Tech specializes in cable assembly and plastic injection over-molding. Products are used in the commercial, oilfield, aerospace and military fields. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour their entire facility, learn about specialized cable and over-mold assembly, and see product lines in various stages assembly processes. Closed-toe shoes are required and NO cell phones or camera devices. Must be a US Citizen to tour the facility.

## GOLD SPONSOR

### DAILY INTER LAKE

[www.dailyinterlake.com](http://www.dailyinterlake.com)

727 East Idaho, Kalispell ●●



Even before Montana gained statehood, the Daily Inter Lake has been serving Northwest Montana residents and businesses with award-winning journalism and marketing. As the largest news-gathering operation in the region, the Daily Inter Lake is the Montana hub of the family-owned group of Hagadone newspapers, supporting the publishing of the six day Daily Inter Lake, seven weekly newspapers, as well as dozens of magazines and ancillary publications covering NW Montana. Combined, these newspapers reach about 75% of the households in the region in print and online. Peek behind the curtain on the



oldest manufacturer in the Flathead Valley. Delve into our building to witness the actual printing process complete with the smell of hot ink and the hum of the machines. Leave with a special publication hot off the press. Share in the energy of a working newsroom, and see where the team comes together to publish a daily newspaper without fail.

### DEFIANCE MACHINE

[www.defiancemachine.com](http://www.defiancemachine.com)

3881 MT Hwy 40 West, Columbia Falls ● ● ●



Defiance Machine is a firearms manufacturer that has a worldwide reputation for visionary design and precision manufacturing. Step out onto the shop floor to see where the nation's first-choice in rifle actions are made. You'll be able to see the entire manufacturing process from start to finish, look inside, and see the most technology advanced, top-of-the-line CNC machines, as they work, while learning how bolt actions are manufactured for complete accuracy. Tour is limited to 30 people. All participants must be US citizens with official ID, have no criminal convictions, and must complete a non-disclosure agreement prior to the tour.

### FLATHEAD VALLEY MANUFACTURING SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, October 18th at FVCC

8am – 11:30am – pre-registration required

Are you a Flathead Valley manufacturer? Then bookmark your calendar for the valley's first-ever Flathead Valley manufacturing symposium, where you'll come together in meeting your fellow manufacturers and learning about and working toward new solutions for industry challenges such as workforce housing, energy efficiency facility upgrades, and more. Contact Jenn Cronk at [j.cronk@kalispellchamber.com](mailto:j.cronk@kalispellchamber.com) or 406-758-2801. Note: We love enthusiasm for the manufacturing industry, and graciously request symposium attendance by manufacturers only, please. Thank you!

### SILVER SPONSOR

### F.H. STOLTZE LAND & LUMBER CO.

[www.stoltzelumber.com](http://www.stoltzelumber.com)

600 Halfmoon Road, Columbia Falls ●



**F.H. Stoltze**  
Land & Lumber

Established in 1912, F.H. Stoltze is the oldest family-owned, continuously operating forest product company in the state of Montana. We use cutting-edge technology coupled with old-fashioned know-how to transform logs into not only lumber, but renewable energy and feed stock for other engineered wood products as well. For over 100 years, Stoltze has meant quality lumber. Interested in learning more about working for our legendary, historic organization? Sign up for a tour of our Halfmoon sawmill facility in Columbia Falls and learn more about joining the Stoltze team!

### FORTIS SOLUTIONS GROUP

[www.fortissolutionsgroup.com](http://www.fortissolutionsgroup.com)

500 Label Lane, Whitefish ● ● ●



Fortis is a premier label and packaging printer with 21 production locations across the country. As Total Label, our Whitefish facility has been active in our community since 2004 and continues to do so now as Fortis Solutions Group. On our tour, you will see the interworking of how a label is made, our great team, One Fortis company culture, and the craftsmanship required to deliver quality products to our customers.

### GLACIER DISTILLING COMPANY

[www.glacierdistilling.com](http://www.glacierdistilling.com)

10237 Hwy 2 East, Coram ●



During this tour, you will learn about the history of Glacier Distilling and the unique environment in which our spirits are produced. We will journey through the past and take a look at some of the original trailblazers who tamed our rugged back-country and cut their teeth on Montana's moonshine. We'll also walk through our production floor and provide detailed insight on the grain to glass process. You'll learn what goes into a "mash", how we separate the "heads" and "tails," and see our barreling and bottling processes. Of course, we'll be sampling some of the final product and learning about the unique flavor profiles expressed on the whiskey tasting wheel. So join us for an hour of informative fun and discover the art and science behind our world-class whiskeys and spirits. Cheers! *\*Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*

### GLACIER PRECAST CONCRETE

[www.glacierprecast.com](http://www.glacierprecast.com)

175 Alder Drive, Kalispell ● ●



Glacier Precast Concrete produces a wide variety of poured concrete products ranging from architectural products, homes, utility buildings, noise walls, well houses, water tanks and more. Watch their extensive manufacturing process, including batching their own concrete, quality control testing, and pouring day-to-day molds as they manufacture their products during the tour. Tour limited to 20 people, closed-toe shoes required. Please dress for the weather as a portion of this tour is outside.

### KALISPELL CHAMBER MANUFACTURING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 18th at FVCC

11:30am – 1:00pm

Join the Kalispell Chamber as we shine a spotlight on the Flathead Valley's robust and vital manufacturing industry. October is Manufacturing Month! \$30 for Kalispell Chamber members/\$40 non-members. Register at: <https://bit.ly/3xnK0mN> or call 406-758-2806.

## KETTLE CARE BOTANICALS

[www.kettlecare.com](http://www.kettlecare.com)

3575 US Hwy 93 North, Kalispell ●●●



Since 1983 Kettle Care® Botanicals' mission has been to formulate healthy skincare with ingredients you know and trust. We hand-craft concentrated crèmes and lotions, starting with the whole plant. And we still infuse, press and filter each of our extracts and oil saturation by hand. You don't need a dictionary to understand the natural ingredients on your Kettle Care label. We invite you to get inspired by gaining more insight into our manufacturing philosophy and processes.

## MOUNTAIN MEADOW HERBS

[www.mmherbs.com](http://www.mmherbs.com)

1019 Hard Rock Road, Somers ●●●



Born of a mother's desperate search for healing, Mountain Meadow Herbs, founded in 2001, is a leading advocate and trusted source of superior health and natural healing for our customers. We manufacture more than 40 proprietary blends and formulas made of fresh, pure, herbal extracts to support overall health. Get a 'behind-the-scenes' tour of our Somers manufacturing facility where you'll learn how we create and package our liquid and encapsulated herbal products which provide natural healing at its best.

## TITLE SPONSOR

### NOMAD GCS

[www.nomadgcs.com](http://www.nomadgcs.com)

5414 US Hwy 2 West, Columbia Falls ●



In the fall of 2002, four Flathead River raft guides saw an opportunity to make a difference. The group launched Nomad Global Communication Solutions with a simple but important goal; keeping people connected. Two decades later, Nomad GCS builds cutting-edge mobile operations centers for public safety, disaster response, healthcare, telecom, and defense... Customers like NASA, FEMA, Verizon, and every branch of the U.S. military. Visit the Nomad facility to see how the world's most advanced mobile operations centers are designed, manufactured, and integrated. One look at the state-of-the-art equipment and jaw-dropping projects in progress, and you'll understand why Nomad GCS was voted "Best Manufacturer" and runner-up "Best Employer" in the Daily Inter Lake's 2022 "Best of Flathead" awards. Closed-toe shoes required, tour limited to 40 people.

## NOMAD JOB FAIR

Friday, October 21 | 3 pm – 7 pm

5414 US Hwy 2 West, Columbia Falls ●

Find your Team at Nomad! If you're looking for a workplace that finds value in your skillsets and experience, is willing to invest in on-the-job training, and possesses a company culture with benefits and employee engagement in mind, then come to Nomad – a Montana-based company making a global impact! We will be holding a Job Fair on Friday October 21st from 3 pm – 7 pm with our Partners, Express Employment and the Kalispell Job Service. Talk with our Team, tour the facilities, and discover why Nomad was voted Best Manufacturer in the Flathead and Runner Up as Best Employer. Open for all Job Seekers, with Veterans, Retirees, Parents, and Students encouraged to come early. Got kids? Have them visit our Kids Zone while you check out our opportunities. If you're a handy, Jack-of-All-Trades type; someone searching for an innovative Team that challenges them; looking at what manufacturing has to offer; or wanting to work on projects that make a difference then we've got a job for YOU!

## BRONZE SPONSOR

### PROOF RESEARCH

[www.proofresearch.com](http://www.proofresearch.com)

10 Western Village Lane, Columbia Falls ●●●



PROOF Research is a science-based company that has brought together the finest minds, experience, and innovations in the industry to produce game-changing stainless steel rifle barrels, carbon fiber barrels, and complete rifle systems that are more durable and accurate than anything on the market. Step inside PROOF's manufacturing facility to see the entire process of making barrels, carbon fiber stocks, and complete rifles before visiting their 100-meter indoor test facility. This tour is limited to the first 10 registrations. Each participant must be a US citizen with official ID, and must complete a non-disclosure agreement prior to the tour. Closed toe shoes are required, no photography.

### RIGHTONTREK, INC.

[www.rightontrek.com](http://www.rightontrek.com)

2593 Hwy 2 East, Suite 3, Kalispell ●



Your Doorway to the Backcountry

RightOnTrek, founded in 2018, is driven by the desire to remove the barriers that prevent the general population from spending time outdoors recreating and to help people integrate active adventures into their busy lives. RightOnTrek is striving to find more efficient ways to equip people to venture into the wilderness, safely, and to do so sustainably, without leaving a trace. Your tour of our backcountry meals manufacturing facility will showcase the process of how we create our game-changing next-generation backcountry meals that not only taste great but keep freshness, flavor and sustainability at the forefront of

our design. Tour attendees will receive samples of our meals and a discount coupon to purchase meals or to rent gear from our Wilderness Edge location which offers onsite self-service gear rental and more.

### SUNRIFT BEER COMPANY

[www.sunriftbeer.com](http://www.sunriftbeer.com)

55 1st Ave. WN, Kalispell ●



SunRift Beer Company is a family-owned brewery and restaurant in downtown Kalispell. SunRift Beer Company produces its beer on site with many favorites as well as seasonal offerings. SunRift is family friendly specializing in smoked tri-tip and chicken, offering sandwiches, salads and gluten free options. Sign up for our manufacturing tour to learn more about our brewing operations and how we craft our local brews! *\*Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*

### UNWIND

#### Business After Hours with ClassOne Technology

3165 US Hwy 93 South, Kalispell

Tuesday, October 11 5:00-6:30pm

One of the best ways to grow your business is by building relationships and connecting with other business owners, managers, and employees from all edges of the Flathead. At the Kalispell Chamber's October business after hours, the UNWIND, hosted by ClassOne Technology, you'll make business connections while Uncovering What's Interesting, New and Developing at ClassOne Technology. ClassOne Technology, headquartered right here in Kalispell, develops high tech process equipment for the rapidly growing semiconductor industry. They ship their systems to chip manufacturers all around the world, and play an important part in enabling the surprising technologies that define our future. Contact Jessica at the Kalispell Chamber at 406-758-2806 or [j.johnston@kalispellchamber.com](mailto:j.johnston@kalispellchamber.com) for more information.

### WATERS EDGE WINERY & BISTRO KALISPELL

[www.wewinerykalispell.com](http://www.wewinerykalispell.com)

2593 U.S. Hwy 2 East, Unit 8, Kalispell ●



Waters Edge Winery & Bistro is a full production urban winery offering varietals of wine made from grapes sourced across the globe. Waters Edge Winery imports raw grape must that has undergone a process called thermal vinification. This allows the product to travel safely across the world. The must is then fermented in stainless steel, oaked (if desired), finished, blended and aged on site. The result is world class wines made in Montana. Waters Edge Winery & Bistro has won the Flathead's Best Winery in 2021 & 2022, Best Wine Selection 2022 & Small Business of the Year 2021. *\*Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*

### PLATINUM SPONSOR

### WEYERHAEUSER – MDF PLANT

[www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com)

105 Mills Drive, Columbia Falls ●



## Weyerhaeuser

Visitors will tour the largest Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) plant under one roof in

North America which showcases state of the art technology and Weyerhaeuser's dedicated workforce. The plant uses residual wood fiber which is refined and processed into engineered wood products used across North America. These include specialty products in niche markets such as architectural doors, cabinets, engineered wood flooring, store fixtures, and office furniture. At Weyerhaeuser MDF, teams work to reliably lead the industry in safety, quality, service, and financial results, while developing their people and supporting local communities. Employees serve on local advisory committees for Weyerhaeuser's Giving Fund and development funding priorities with four focus areas to support and meet unique needs in local communities. Closed toe shoes required. No loose fitting clothing.

### WEYERHAEUSER – PLYWOOD & LUMBER PLANT

[www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com)

75 Sunset Drive, Kalispell ●



## Weyerhaeuser

Visitors will tour both the Plywood and Lumber plants, which showcase unique products with exceptionally

aesthetic qualities and Weyerhaeuser's dedicated workforce. Mainly Douglas fir and Western larch are used at Weyerhaeuser due to their ability to produce fine grain and smooth faces. This Kalispell plant manufactures plywood products to various grades, dimensions, and performance standards appropriate for a wide range of customer end-uses, while the lumber plant manufactures solid sawn studs, available in various lengths to domestic markets coast-to-coast. Tour is limited to 25 people. Closed toe shoes are required. No loose fitting clothing.

### WHITEFISH HANDCRAFTED SPIRITS

[www.whitefishspirits.com](http://www.whitefishspirits.com)

2134 U.S. Hwy 2 East, Kalispell ●



Come visit Whitefish Handcrafted Spirits to see the entire distilling process and hear about the various manufacturing projects we have going right now. Taste Montana's first locally crafted canned cocktails and embrace your

chance to taste the hearts of the spirits as they are presented in the "Best of the Flathead's" finest cocktail bar. *\*Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*





## FLATHEAD TIMBER TOUR

Wednesday, October 19th 12:30-4:30pm ● ●

The Flathead Timber Tour is held annually during Montana Forest Products Week. The purpose of the Timber Tour is to invite the greater Flathead Valley community to learn about the value and importance of natural resources to our economy and quality of life.

This year participants on the Timber Tour will learn about forest management from harvest to product production during a tour of Weyerhaeuser's Kalispell lumber and plywood mills followed by a visit to an active logging operation.

Participants will meet industry leaders from Weyerhaeuser, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber, and the DNRC-- together they will trace the product back from mill to the forest. Foresters will present on current and projected forest conditions, as well as active forest management objectives and sustainable harvest. They will meet the loggers and operators on an active site, discuss history and the advancing technology of mills, programs available, and how they as landowners can play a role in improving forest health while supporting local wood products industry.

Participants will board a school bus that will depart from the Kalispell Chamber at 12:30pm sharp and arrive back between 4:30-4:45pm. Tour participants should bring snacks and water, wear closed-toe shoes, no loose clothes, long pants, and be dressed for the weather. To register for this tour, please visit <https://business.kalispellchamber.com/mfgtours> or contact the Kalispell Chamber at 406-758-2803. Pre-registration is required and tour is limited to 45 people.



Weyerhaeuser



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Land & Lumber



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