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FALL 2024

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 manufacturing businesses and employers in the Flathead.

Manufacturing plays a vital role in our local economy. This sector comprises 28% of income in basic industries in Flathead County according to University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. These Kalispell Chamber member manufacturers represent an incredibly diverse array of companies producing a wide variety of products including those in machining, communications equipment, firearms, skincare, food and beverage, supplements, building materials, semiconductor, timber products, furniture, concrete, electrical, 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/mfgtours> 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 processes.

OCTOBER 1ST

Converting Equipment International (CEI) - 10am

OCTOBER 2ND

Converting Equipment International (CEI) - 12pm
Sacred Waters Brewing Company - 3pm

OCTOBER 3RD

FVCC Night of the Trades 6pm - 8:30pm

OCTOBER 4TH

Converting Equipment International (CEI) - 2pm

OCTOBER 7TH

SunRift Beer Company - 3pm

OCTOBER 8TH

F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Co. - 12:30pm

OCTOBER 9TH

Bias Brewing - 3pm

OCTOBER 11TH

Applied Materials (Evergreen) - 3pm

OCTOBER 15TH

Glacier Distilling - 2pm
Mountain Meadow Herbs - 4pm

OCTOBER 16TH

Glacier Precast Concrete - 10am & 2pm

OCTOBER 17TH

Daily Inter Lake - 4pm

OCTOBER 22ND

Nomad GCS - 3pm & 4pm

OCTOBER 23RD

PROOF Research - 2pm
Kettle Care Botanicals - 4pm

OCTOBER 24TH
Weyerhaeuser - Timber Tour 12pm

OCTOBER 28TH
Defiance Machine - 3pm

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? Then sign up for this tour!

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STUDENTS & EDUCATORS

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

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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

2024 MANUFACTURING EVENTS & TOURS

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APPLIED MATERIALS

www.appliedmaterials.com | 1370 US-2, Kalispell

Student/Educator Tour - Fri 10/4 4pm | Community Tour - Fri 10/11 3pm



We're excited to showcase operations and manufacturing at our Evergreen facility and its place in the Semiconductor Industry Capital Equipment ecosystem. The tour will include a walk-through of our world class weld shop that builds our frames, a look at our Warehouse and Logistics operation and visibility into our Manufacturing process for the end product. Come join us! *Closed-toed shoes required.*

BIAS BREWING

www.biasbrewing.com | 412 Main Street, Kalispell

Community Tour - Wed 10/9 3pm



Bias Brewing is a brewery, taproom, and restaurant. We make NW inspired ales, sours, seltzers, kombucha, and barrel aged beers. We self-distribute our products to bars and restaurants in Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Glacier counties. We have 30 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 6 years, we have founded events to raise over \$200,000 for non-profits and performed over 2,000 hours of community service. **Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*

CONVERTING EQUIPMENT INTERNATIONAL (CEI)
www.slitandrewind.com | 5355 US Hwy 2 W, Columbia Falls
Community Tour - Tue 10/1 10am, Wed 10/2 12pm, & Fri 10/4 2pm | **Job Seeker Tour - Tue 10/1 10am, Wed 10/2 12pm, & Fri 10/4 2pm** | **Student/Educator Tour - Tue 10/1 4pm, Wed 10/2 3pm, & Fri 10/4 2pm**



CEI is a local company creating machines for the Label and Converting Equipment worldwide. Their mission is to manufacture the highest quality equipment in the converting industry through innovation, collaboration, and integrity. They employ machinists, mechanical and software engineers, and assemblers. During this tour, CEI will cover their manufacturing process from concept through delivery, including engineering, the machine shop, inventory control, assembly, and testing.

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DAILY INTER LAKE

www.dailyinterlake.com | 727 East Idaho, Kalispell
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour - Thurs 10/17 4pm- 5:30pm

DAILY INTER LAKE 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 | 3881 MT Hwy 40 W, Columbia Falls
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour - Mon 10/28 3pm

DEFIANCE Defiance Machine is a firearms manufacturer that has a worldwide reputation for visionary design and precision manufacturing. Step out on to 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 technologically advanced, top-of-the-line CNC machines as they work, while learning how bolt actions are man-

ufactured for complete accuracy. *All participants must be US citizens with official ID, have no criminal convictions, and must complete a non-disclosure agreement prior to the tour.*

F.H. STOLTZE LAND & LUMBER CO.

www.stoltzelumber.com | 600 Halfmoon Rd, Columbia Falls
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour - Tue 10/8, 12:30pm



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. Sign up for a tour of our Halfmoon sawmill facility in Columbia Falls and learn more about the Stoltze team! *Note: Minimum age 10 years old. There will be lots of walking/stair climbing on this tour. Attire: No long pieces of clothing, long hair tied up, leather boots, no open toed shoes.*

GLACIER DISTILLING COMPANY

www.glacierdistilling.com | 10237 Hwy 2 East, Coram
Community Tour - Tue 10/15, 2pm



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 backcountry 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. 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 | 175 Alder Drive, Kalispell
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour - Wed 10/16, 10am & 2pm



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. *Closed-toed shoes required. Please dress for the weather as a portion of this tour is outside.*

KETTLE CARE BOTANICALS

www.kettlecare.com | 3575 US Hwy 93 North, Kalispell
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour - Wed 10/23 4pm



Since 1983, Kettle Care Botanicals' mission has been to formulate healthy skincare with ingredients you know and trust. We handcraft cremes 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 have a behind-the-scenes look at our manufacturing philosophy and processes.

MOUNTAIN MEADOW HERBS

www.mmherbs.com | 1019 Hard Rock Road, Somers
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour - Tue 10/15 4pm



With a mission to provide pure, natural products that change lives, Mountain Meadow Herbs has perfected its manufacturing process - providing high quality supplements - every time. We manufacture more than 40 proprietary blends and formulas made of fresh, pure, herbal extracts to support overall health. At our manufacturing facility in Somers, you can get a behind-the-scenes tour and see first-hand how we create our products from start to finish.

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NOMAD GCS

www.nomadgcs.com | 5414 US Hwy 2 West, Columbia Falls
Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour - Tue 10/22 3pm & 4pm



NOMADGCS In the fall of 2002, four Flathead River raft guides saw an opportunity to make a difference. The group launched Nomad Global Communications Solutions with a simple but important goal; keeping people connected. After two decades later, Nomad builds engineer-to-order Connected Mobile Operations Centers (CMOCs) for customers in the public and private sectors 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. On your tour, look at the state-of-the-art equipment and jaw-dropping projects in progress. *Closed-toed shoes required. Minimum age of 12 years old to tour.*



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“Our dedication to student success and meeting employers’ demands sets this program apart. We focus on the explanations behind what students are learning, so they understand the whys and hows and become life-long problem solvers. Our programs prepare students to excel as highly-qualified leaders in high-wage industry career pathways.”

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HVAC Instructor



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Culinary Arts
Electrical Apprentice
Electrical Technology
Electronics Technician
Firearms Technologies
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Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration**
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**Thursday, Oct 3
6-8:30pm**

Prospective students explore potential trades pathways in hands-on career sessions led by FVCC instructors. Parents discover pathways for success in our trades info sessions led by FVCC advisors.

Reserve your spot now for our one-hour sessions (6:10-7:10pm and 7:20-8:20pm) to get a taste of what your future could hold.



Want to network? Local industry reps will be available from 6-8:30pm—no reservation needed.

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fvcc.edu/occupational-trades



PROOF RESEARCH

www.proofresearch.com | 10 Western Village Lane, Columbia Falls

Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour - Wed 10/23 2pm

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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. *Each participant must be a US citizen with official ID and must complete a non-disclosure agreement prior to the tour. Closed-toed shoes are required; no photography.*

SACRED WATERS BREWING COMPANY

www.sacredwatersbrewing.com | 3250 Hwy 2 East, Kalispell

Community Tour - Wed 10/2 3pm



Open and operating since November 2018, Sacred Waters Brewing Company is a celebration of wild places and good people. It's a reflection of everyone's special place outside, everyone's Sacred Waters. During this tour of the brew house, you'll get an overview of how our beer is made and see the ingredients and equipment that make it happen.

We love showing people the process behind our locally handcrafted beer! **Closed-toed shoes are required. Must be 21+ to participate in beer tasting.*

SUNRIFT BEER COMPANY

www.sunriftbeer.com | 55 1st Ave. WN, Kalispell

Community Tour - Mon 10/7 3pm



SunRift Beer Company is a family-owned brewery and restaurant with locations in Kalispell and Whitefish. All our beer is produced at our Kalispell location utilizing ingredients from the Flathead and around the Northwest. SunRift is family-friendly, specializing in smoked tri-tip and chicken, offering sandwiches, salads, and options for kids. 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 beer tasting.*

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WEYERHAEUSER – PLYWOOD & LUMBER PLANT

www.weyerhaeuser.com | 75 Sunset Drive, Kalispell

Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour | Timber Tour

- Thurs 10/24 12-5pm



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. *Closed-toed shoes are required; no loose-fitting clothing. Must be registered for Timber Tour.*



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FLATHEAD TIMBER TOUR

Thurs, October 24th 12pm – 5pm

Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour

The Flathead Timber Tour is held annually during Montana Forest Products Week. The purpose of the Timber Tour is to invite the 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 production, during a tour of Weyerhaeuser's Kalispell lumber and plywood mills followed by a visit to an active F.H. Stoltze logging operation.

Participants will meet industry leaders from Weyerhaeuser, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber, Flathead National Forest, and the DNRC – together they will trace the product back from the 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 visit an active site, discuss history and the advancing technology of mills, programs available, and how 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. Tour participants should bring snacks and water, wear closed-toed shoes, long pants, hair tied back, have no loose clothes, 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 38 people.



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UNWIND

Business After Hours with the Daily Inter Lake
Tuesday, October 8th, 5:00-6:30pm
727 East Idaho, Kalispell

The Daily Inter Lake is the Flathead Valley's oldest manufacturer - founded all the way back in 1889 - and has the largest independent newsroom in northwest Montana. This year, the Inter Lake was named the best newspaper in the state at the Montana Newspaper Association's 139th annual convention. In addition to the Daily Inter Lake, they publish seven weeklies including Whitefish Pilot, Hungry Horse News, Bigfork Eagle, The Western News, Lake County Leader, Clark Fork Valley Press and Mineral Independent.

The Daily Inter Lake team also creates and produces several audio and video podcasts, magazines, and serves as a commercial printing hub for several other newspaper companies and area businesses. Come to the UNWIND to uncover what's interesting, new and developing at the Daily Inter Lake!

Register to attend the UNWIND at:

www.business.kalispellchamber.com/chamber-calendar

or call 406-758-2803

KALISPELL CHAMBER MANUFACTURING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 15th at Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell
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 for non-members.

Register at: KalispellChamber.com and select the October 15th event on the Chamber Calendar or call 406-758-2803.

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