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## **DeSoto Economic Development presents Career Event, 'Bots, Bolts & Boots Career Discovery: Skip the Degree, Not the Dream'**

*The interactive and fun event lets guests of all ages explore high-demand, high-skill careers that offer great pay in challenging fields.*

*DeSoto County, Fla*— DeSoto County Economic Development Department will host “Bots, Bolts & Boots Career Discovery: Skip the Degree, Not the Dream” as part of the 2026 Suncoast Remake Learning Days.

This interactive, hands-on event invites guests of all ages to explore high-demand, high-skill careers that offer excellent wages and rewarding work---many of which do not require a four-year degree. Attendees will engage directly with industry professionals, local employers, and real-world tools and technology across multiple fields.

“If you’re dreaming of a career that’s high-wage, skilled and doesn’t necessarily require a college, this free event is for you, featuring hands-on displays and interaction with people in the field,” said Economic Development Director Sondra Guffey. “Connecting our community with opportunities like these is essential to building a strong and sustainable workforce for the future.”

The event takes place Thursday, April 30 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Turner Agri-Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, FL. It is an open-house format.

Guests can discover new career pathways, spark their passions, enjoy free refreshments, and enter to win prizes. Bots, Bolts and Boots is free for attendees and exhibitors. Both are asked to register at [TinyURL.com/bots-bolts-boots](https://TinyURL.com/bots-bolts-boots). For more information, call 863-993-4807, or go to [www.GoDeSotoFL.com](http://www.GoDeSotoFL.com).

Suncoast Remake Learning Days is a 15-day, hands-on learning festival, underwritten by The Patterson Foundation, across Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties—focused on youth from birth through 12th grade and their families. The festival runs from Saturday, April 18 through Saturday May 2. For more information about Suncoast Remake Learning Days, call 941-952-1413 or go to [www.gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net](http://www.gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net).

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