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**DRONE CAMP TEACHES YOUTH TO BUILD AND FLY DRONES AT AMA EXPO IN
ONTARIO, CA JANUARY 6 - 8**

MUNCIE, Ind. – This year, [AMA Expo West](#), presented by ReadyMadeRC.com, is teaming up with Drone Camp, an educational program aimed at promoting hands-on learning and innovation with drone technology. Drone Camp gives children and teenagers ages 7–19 the opportunity to build, set-up, fly and do tricks with large and small drones and to receive their “Junior Wings” as a Junior Drone Pilot. Sessions will be held on Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8. Space is limited, so [reserve your spot](#) in advance.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) offers a number of other educational programs for all ages, including:

- **Learn sUAS:** A website for those who fly radio controlled (RC) aircraft where flyers can find information on flying sites, instructions for FAA registration, and more.
- **AMA Day Camp:** An instruction guide to hosting a model aviation day camp, including instructional videos to be utilized during summer events or in the classroom.
- **UAS4STEM:** A program that encourages students in middle and high school to learn about aviation by building their own drones and participating in local competitions.
- **Take Off and Grow (TAG) Program:** A grant program for AMA clubs that have interest in promoting model aviation within their community and attracting newcomers to the hobby.

The full schedule for the AMA expo is available [here](#). Other highlights of the event include:

- **Commercial UAS and Public Safety Trainings** – One training to help prepare commercial drone pilots for the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Part 107 required remote pilot test and another training to provide public safety officers with the tools they need to use UAS technology effectively in their jobs.
- **Make N Take Sessions** – Kids can assemble and take home their very own rockets and gliders.
- **Speaker Series** – Ongoing presentations, including:
 - Red Jensen, sUAS Chief Pilot at NASA: “The History of Subscale Flight Research at Armstrong”
 - David and Sarah Oneal, *That Drone Show*: Showing and discussion of the new documentary “The Drone Invasion”
 - Author Julian Guthrie and Space Ship One Structural Engineer Dan Kreigh: “How to Make a Spaceship. Start by Building Model Planes.”

Sponsors of the Expo include Ready Made RC, Aerobeez, Nationwide Insurance, Castle Creations, Estes Rockets and Northwest RC. Ticket details and pricing can be found [here](#).

What: AMA Expo West

When: Friday, January 6, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 8, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Ontario Convention Center
2000 E. Convention Center Way
Ontario, California 91764

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936 serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 200,000 modelers in more than 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft and drones for recreation and educational purposes.

For more information, visit www.amaexpo.com