



# SOLA ROBOTICS NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S NEW FOR SOLA ROBOTICS THIS MONTH?

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**March 1st** - Kids/Teens Saturday Robotics Classes begin at Baldwin Bethany CDC. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/spring-2025-robots>

**March 1st** - Adult 3D Printing Classes begin at Baldwin Bethany CDC. Register here: <https://solarobotics.thrivecart.com/3d-for-adults-saturdays-spring-2025/>

**April 5th** - Spring SoLA SLAM competition at Baldwin Bethany Campus. Stay Tuned!!!!

**April 12th** - City of STEM/LA Maker Faire at Expo Park - Save the Date!

### VIEW THE SOLACON 2.0 PHOTO GALLERY

<https://www.solarobotics.org/sola-con-2025>



### MAKING BLACK HISTORY WITH SOLA CON 2.0!



SoLA Robotics and Baldwin Bethany CDC with support from the Sherwood Foundation launched the 2nd annual SoLA CON on February 15th and we truly appreciate your amazing support! Whether you were there with us in person or cheering us on from afar, your involvement made a big difference and helped make this event a fantastic success. We loved watching kids and families explore the phenomenal AI Workshop by Jen Garcia, Brick City Puzzles by Chi Ni, Meet & Greet with Aerospace Engineer, Khali Cannad and the numerous Innovation Hubs and hands-on activities. Seeing everyone walk away with Lego sets to take home and tremendous resources was terrific!



SoLA CON is an annual Family STEM Conference which seeks to bridge the gap between education and real-world applications, encouraging youth and families to explore S.T.E.M. and engineering fields. It was truly the collective efforts of the kids, families, exhibitors, volunteers and staff that made SoLA CON 2025 unforgettable. Thanks you all for your support and we hope to see YOU at our next event. View More At: <https://www.solarobotics.org/sola-con-2025>

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:



This month, junior high and high school students are beginning their journey toward the SoLA Youth Showdown annual

robotics competition by participating in robotics classes at USC. Thirty-five youth are learning to build and program robots thanks to generous grant funding and dedicated involvement of staff and parents at NSBE Jr. Stay tuned with us to see the accomplishments soon to come from NBSE Jr youth members! So exciting!



### New Classes in March 2025



**Sign up NOW for NEW classes!**  
This Spring, on March 1st, SoLA Robotics is beginning our Adult 3D Printing class and Kids/Teens Robotics classes at Baldwin Bethany CDC campus!  
<https://www.solarobotics.org/general-7>

### WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are integral to the success of our nonprofit. Consider spending your time with SoLA Robotics. **Sign up:** <https://www.solarobotics.org/contact>

### STAY CONNECTED!

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### DONOR SPOTLIGHT:



Thanks to **Books for the Better**, a student-run club at UCLA's Geffen Academy for the generous donation of children's books from Room to Read's STEAM-Powered Careers collection to inspire students about the wide variety of groundbreaking and exciting STEAM careers that they can start exploring right now. Created in collaboration with scientists, USC staff and faculty, the topics range from polar science to gastroenterology to nanotechnology and more with each title illustrating a day in the life of a working USC scientist, many of whom come from underrepresented communities in STEAM. Thank you for showing our kids those possibilities!

Want to contribute toward the SoLA Robotics? Please **DONATE here:** <https://www.solarobotics.org/general-4>

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