

# 2019 UPPER PENINSULA PROFESSIONAL TRADES CAREER DAYS

THE LARGEST HANDS-ON CAREER FAIR IN THE U.P.

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- **What:** The 2019 Upper Peninsula Professional Trades Career Days
- **When:** September 25th, 2019 from 2:30 to 5:30 PM
- **Where:** Marquette County Fairgrounds, 715 M-553, Gwinn, MI 49841
- **Who:** Open to the Public! All are invited to attend this 3-hour informative event, from homeschooled and middle school youth to college graduates, and more! Anyone who is interested in the trades may attend. Minors will need a guardian's signature to participate.
- **Why:** Explore the skilled trades as a career path. Participate in hands-on exhibitions: operate bulldozers and excavators, finish concrete, lay bricks, experience interactive technology demonstrations, talk with current tradespeople, climb power poles, weld, use carpentry skills, and participate in military and first responder activities.
- **Cost:** This event is free to the public.
- **Trades at Past Events:** Masonry, Concrete Finishing, Welding, Carpentry, Iron Working, Utility Construction, Corrections, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medicine, Heavy Equipment Operation, Electrical Installation and Maintenance, and more.
- **New This Year:** The National Guard and a Forest Industry Simulator.
- **Professional Attendees:** Labor unions from the region, as well as regional employers, construction contractors, manufacturing representatives, Northern Michigan University representatives, and employment specialists.
- **Sponsors:** Brought to you by the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, the Upper Peninsula Construction Council, the UPward Talent Council—MI Works!, and the State of Michigan's Workforce Development Agency.
- **Event History:** The UPCC started hosting "Hands On" Career Fairs in 2005. Since then, they've attempted to host one every two years in different U.P. communities.
- **Attendance:** Over 2,000 participants have attended since the event's inception.
- **Accolades:** 2014, W. O. Lawton, Business Leadership Award, National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB).
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