

It's fall tech fair time

Get Geeky with September's Full Tech Meeting Calendar

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This month offers plenty of opportunities for your inner nerd to come out and meet like-minded spirits, learn, grow, and have fun at Albuquerque's very first **Tech Fiesta** and third **WordCamp** get-togethers. See below for a complete schedule and in the column opposite for special suggested highlight events.

More information on scheduled events and participants can be found at the websites for **Albuquerque Tech Fiesta** (www.techfiestaabq.com) and also the one for **2013 Albuquerque WordCamp** (2013.albuquerque.wordcamp.org) for full information.

The Inaugural Albuquerque Tech Fiesta

September 7-15, various locations around town

Albuquerque Tech Fiesta is a week long celebration of local tech talent and the groups that continue to cultivate a thriving tech community in the Albuquerque area. A variety of events throughout the city will showcase different groups, companies and venues, and highlight some of the great people who make Albuquerque a fun and creative place to work and really live.

Here is the most current information available at publication time. See **Albuquerque Tech Fiesta** (www.techfiestaabq.com) for update. Note that some events are free, some have fees, please check the Tech Fiesta website for pricing information.

TEDxABQ

Saturday, September 7, Popejoy Hall, UNM

This is an independently organized TED event. What is TED? Technology, Education, and Design – ideas worth spreading. TED talks are widely variable, sometimes controversial, always fascinating. For more info on speakers and topics see **TEDxABQ**. (tedxabq.com).

- Registration starts at 8:30am, talks start at 10:00am. No late arrivals, please.
- Lunch is 11:30am - 12:45pm provided by Flying Star
- Talks end at 4:30pm. There is an After-Party at Hotel Casca from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

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Key Events This Month

With so many interesting meetings scheduled this month, we thought we'd point a few we find especially exciting.

Geek's Night Out

Sunday, September 8, 6:00pm

QBar at Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

This is Albuquerque Tech Fiesta's first kick-off party. Meet and mingle with contributors and participants. The first 50 people receive a free drink.

Coworking Crawl

Monday, September 9, at various locations including Ideas & Coffee, 5021 Indian School Rd. NE Suite 500

Come by **Ideas & Coffee** to see what's happening in our Coworking space. There will be snacks, Internet, information on projects built in coworking spaces, and other fun. We open the doors at 9:00am and will be open all day.

Visit all five coworking spaces, collecting a picture from each to be entered to win a prize. For more information, visit the **Albuquerque Coworking Alliance's** website (abqcoworking.com).

2013 WordCamp Albuquerque

Wow, there are so many interesting topics! For the first time WordCamp Albuquerque is having *four* concurrent tracks with topics that will benefit everyone from the complete beginner to people writing WordPress plugins. Tickets for all are \$35.

Here's a small sample of topics:

eCommerce Solutions for the Responsive Web

A comparison of off-the-shelf shopping cart solutions and how well they play with mobile devices and ease of use.

There's a Filter for That

Using the WordPress filtering interface for collecting data, tuning your blogs look and feel and changing how your customers interact with your blog.

WordPress and Mapping

Beyond just Google maps, the rising importance of geographical meta-tagging in websites.

Hacked! How they hack it and how you clean it!

AND on Sunday Morning: **WordPress for Kids!**

There are many more fascinating topics at

2013.albuquerque.wordcamp.org/schedule/

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Geek's Night Out

Sunday, September 8, 6:00pm

Q-Bar at Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Feeling geekish? Come join us at the Tech Fiesta kick-off party at Q-Bar. Meet and mingle with contributors and participants while enjoying good conversation and drink.

More info should be available at techfiestaabq.com.

Coworking Crawl

Monday, September 9

Experience the many flavors of coworking in Albuquerque by visiting them all. Collect a token from each of the five spaces to be entered into a drawing. More details can be found at the **Albuquerque Coworking Alliance's** website (abqcoworking.com).

- All Coworking Spaces will be open from 9:00am until 5:00pm on Monday, September 9.
- The event wraps up with prizes and partying afterwards at O'Niell's Pub (4310 Central SE).

See the Albuquerque Tech Fiesta website for more details.

Women In Tech Luncheon

Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon Museum

Monday, September 9, 11:30am - 2:00pm

9201 Balloon Museum Dr. NE

Take a long lunch and celebrate the successes of women in technology in New Mexico and be a part of the conversation about the challenges and opportunities ahead. For more information, visit Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/505451529542596/>.

Blogging Circle Lunch

Monday, September 9, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Convivium Coworking, 5924 Anaheim Ave. NE Suite A

Part of the Coworking Crawl, Convivium Coworking space holds a blogging circle over lunch usually the first Monday of the month. Whether looking for blogging tips, or just people to chat with, this event will help you bootstrap your blog. More information at www.meetup.com/Coworking-in-Albuquerque/events/133562632/.

Sandia Research and Technology Showcase

Tuesday, September 10

Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE

Check-in 8:00am-8:30am, presentations: 8:30am-4:00pm

The 2nd Annual Sandia Research & Technology Showcase presents cutting edge research and technology development taking place at Sandia National Laboratories. Details at www.sstp.org/showcase.

Startup New Mexico Pitch Fiesta

Tuesday, September 10, 5pm - 7pm

Standard Diner, 320 Central SE

Join us at Startup New Mexico's Pitch Fiesta as part of the inaugural Albuquerque Tech Fiesta. Do you have a great young business or a business idea you just know is set to blast off with the right exposure and resources? Or do you want to watch some interesting pitches and help support the founders and entrepreneurs who are part of New Mexico's thriving startup community?

Competing teams will have 120 action-packed seconds – no more, no less – to let the judges and crowd know why their startup is amazing and how they should win this competition and all the glory.

Ignite New Mexico

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00pm

Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2nd St. NW

"Enlighten me, but do it quickly" Wildly variable topics, always entertaining, if you don't like the current topic it will be gone in 5 minutes. **Ignite NM** (ignite-nm.com) is a sure-fire crowd favorite!

UNM and ABQ Community Tech Talent Showcase

Thursday, September 12, 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2nd St. NW

Visit www.techfiestaabq.com/events/thursday-912-unmlobo-day-tech-talent-showcase/ for information.

TECHREVBQ

Friday, September 13, 8:30am - 6:30pm

Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2nd St. NW

This is a day of panels with expert, insightful speakers to create a favorable environment in Albuquerque to help facilitate and support the growth of our tech communities. See www.techfiestaabq.com/events/techrevbq/.

WordCamp Hackathon and Meet and Greet

Saturday, September 14, 6:00pm - 10:00pm

WESST, 609 Broadway Blvd. NE

Concurrent with the reception (same place, but probably in a different room), designers, developers, and publishers will form teams to create awesome websites for local organizations. For this, complete schedules, and more information on individual speakers and sessions can be found at: 2013.albuquerque.wordcamp.org/.

WordCamp Sessions

- Save for the Hackathon and Reception, all sessions are at the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2nd St. NW
- Registration is 8:00am-8:40am
- Opening and Keynote 8:40am-9:00am
- Sessions run until 5:00pm

WordPress Hackathon Wrap-up and Kids WordPress Session

Sunday, September 15, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2nd St. NW

And don't forget the After Party 6:00pm-10:00pm .



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