

MORE THAN DOUBLE

THE NUMBER OF
MANUFACTURING
DAY EVENTS HELD
BY SMI MEMBERS
IN 2017





Last year, SMI joined the National Manufacturing Association's "Dream It. Do It." initiative to tap into resources and branding of the program so SMI could provide a "cost-effective solution for its members in reaching the future workforce for the spring manufacturing sector."

One of the key elements of the initiative is Manufacturing Day, held each year on the first Friday in October and designed to inspire the next generation of manufacturers.

The number of SMI member companies participating climbed from 12 in 2016 to 26 in 2017. Here's the list of companies who indicated they held Manufacturing Day events.

- Ace Wire Spring and Form Co.
- Ark Technologies
- Automatic Spring Products
- Betts Company
- Clips and Clamps Industries
- Colonial Spring Company
- Dudek & Bock Spring Manufacturing
- Duer/Carolina Coil
- Ironmonger Spring
- Keats Manufacturing (2)
- Lee Spring
- Leggett & Platt
- Michigan Spring & Stamping
- Myers Spring Co.
- Newcomb Spring
- Perfection Spring & Stamping
- Peterson Spring (3)
- Precision Coil Spring
- R&L Spring
- Scandic Springs
- Spiros Industries
- Winamac Coil Spring
- Wolverine Coil Spring Co.

"The SMI DIDI Ambassadors are pleased with the results of the SMI Dream It. Do It. program and the record number of Manufacturing Day events held in 2017," said Jim Parsons, senior vice president at Myers Spring Co., who serves as SMI's Dream It. Do It. champion. "This is only the start as we seek to come alongside SMI members to help reach the next generation of workers needed to fill our factories."

Here are reports from the some of the companies who held 2017 events.

ACE WIRE SPRING

Marking its second year of participation in Manufacturing Day, Ace Wire Spring hosted two separate groups of students for a presentation and tour of the company's facility. In the morning, the company welcomed a group of eighth grade middle school students. In the afternoon, the company hosted a group of Brashear High School students. Ace Wire Spring also welcomed Bill Padnos, director of youth engagement for the NTMA and executive director of SWPA BotsIQ, and David Fair, president and CEO of SMC Business Councils.

Ace Wire Spring & Form Co. said in a news release, "After the tour, we invited the students back into the office to perform a hands-on experiment, make their own springs using small pipe cleaners and pencils for the shaping possibilities. The hope is that this event helped expand the minds of the students that visited Ace Wire Spring, and that they saw the many opportunities for a career in the manufacturing industry."

