
TO: Local Presidents
FROM: David Hecker, AFT Michigan President
RE: Union Industries Show Field Trips
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The Union Industries Show at the Cobo Center in Detroit this year offers a unique opportunity for middle and high schools student to broaden their horizons, or explore and discover the career path that is the right fit for them.

The Show is a cooperative exposition by unions, U.S. companies and their employees. The over 250 display booths offer products, services, job skills and apprentice positions may be actually been available at the show.

As a great deal of emphasis is placed on career planning, at the middle and high school levels, the planners of the event have dedicated the opening day to students from area schools. They will have marshals and guides available when the field trip buses arrive and announcements will be made of bus loading and departures.

We need your help in spreading the word among your members, administrators, principals and vocational education centers, and encourage them to consider a field trip to the Union Industries Show as an opportunity to help students better understand what is needed to reach career goals.

Buses are encouraged to arrive at Cobo Center on May 16th between 9:30 and 10:00 A.M. as Governor Granholm will be performing the ribbon cutting at 10:00. Students and their chaperones are invited to attend this opening ceremony.

Enclosed you will find a Field Trip Reservation Form that may be faxed to the AFL-CIO at 202-508-3701. A limited amount of financial support for field trips may be available. Please contact Charles Mercer, President, Union Label & Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO, at 202-508-3702 for more information.