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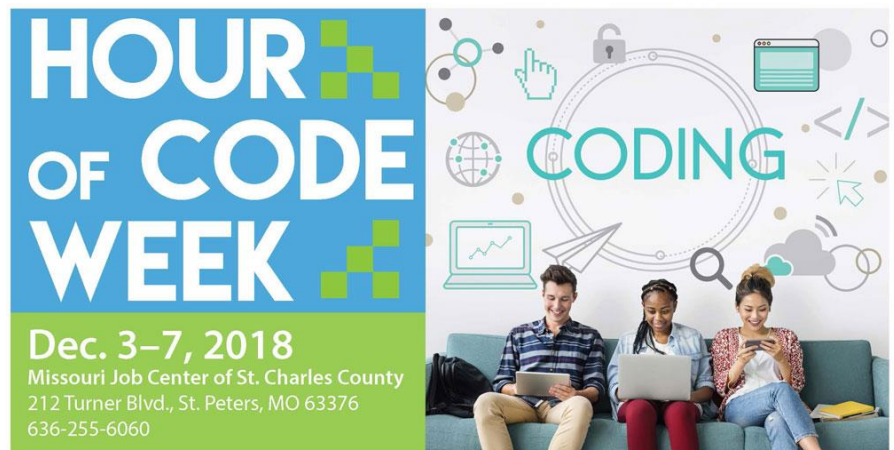
4TH ANNUAL HOUR OF CODE WEEK DEC. 3-7 IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** --- Hour of Code Week is a global movement that emphasizes computer science as a strong foundation for 21<sup>st</sup> Century careers. For the fourth consecutive year, the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County is hosting special activities during this special week, Dec. 3-7, to encourage interest and pursuit of information technology careers and training.

“Whether you are an IT professional, a student considering an IT career, or just curious to find out more about coding and computer science, you will enjoy participating in the Hour of Code Week 2018 activities planned at the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County,” said Scott J. Drachnik, director of the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development.

Schedule of events:

- **Intro to Computer Coding Workshop** – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 3
- **Cybersecurity: Lessons, Careers and Opportunities Ahead Workshop** – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4
- **Intro to Object Oriented Programming** – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5
- **IT Career & Training Expo** – 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6
- **Intro to C#/.Net Workshop** – 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7
- **Hour of Code Week Online Self-Tutorials** – 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3 – Thursday, Dec. 6



All Hour of Code Week 2018 events are held at the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County, 212 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters, Mo.

Workshop sponsors include the St. Charles Community College Computer Science Department, Midwest Cyber Center and Claim Academy. All events are free to attend but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Lori Myers at [lm Myers@sccmo.org](mailto:lm Myers@sccmo.org) or 636-255-6060, ext. 5260.

For free and fun online tutorials in software coding for people of all ages and abilities, visit <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>.

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**About St. Charles County**

*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*

*With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).*