ULTRA4NEXT

Partner School Packet

What Ultra4Next is, what your school gets, and what it takes to join

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What Ultra4Next is

Ultra4Next is a workforce development and career pathway program. We make students employable by teaching real technical and media skills, then putting those students in front of the employers who hire for them.

We are built on the Ultra4 Racing and King of the Hammers community in Johnson Valley, California — an industry full of fabricators, machinists, engineers, and media professionals who are actively short of skilled people. Students work at the KOH Lab, tour working factories, and meet the people who do these jobs.

Proof it works: Silver Valley High School students built a Class 11 car, took it to King of the Hammers in February 2026, started last, and finished 9th in class.

What your school gets

- **Monthly Lab days.** Students spend the day at the KOH Lab in Johnson Valley doing hands-on fabrication, automotive, and build work alongside industry mentors.
- **Factory and facility tours.** Behind-the-scenes access to manufacturers and studios that do not run public tours — race parts makers, fabrication shops, and creative studios.
- **Direct employer contact.** Students meet working professionals who explain how they got their jobs, what they earn, and what they look for when hiring.
- **Media production opportunities.** Video, photo, and journalism students cover every trip with real assignments and a published result — not a classroom exercise.
- **Race-week experience.** Students who want to work a race can serve on pit and service crews at King of the Hammers.
- **A portfolio.** Students leave with documented work — articles, video, photos, and build experience they can show an employer or put on an application.

What your school commits to

- **A named instructor.** One instructor who is the point of contact, proposes and accepts dates in the scheduling portal, and travels with students.
- **A group of students.** Most partner schools send 6 to 15 students per trip. Smaller groups are fine.
- **Transportation and permissions.** Schools handle their own buses or vans, and their own field-trip and permission paperwork under district policy.
- **Safety basics.** Students must wear closed-toe boots or work shoes at every facility. Safety glasses are required in shop areas. Schools are responsible for their students' conduct on site.
- **Student selection.** Select students using the Ultra4Next Student Interest Packet, or your own equivalent, so seats go to students who genuinely want them.

Ultra4Next does not collect or store student records. Schools keep completed student packets; we only need the roster of who is attending.

How scheduling works

Everything runs through a private scheduling portal at ultra4next.net. Your instructor gets an access code and can see every date at a glance.

Step	What happens
1. A date is proposed	Ultra4Next posts a date, or your instructor proposes one
2. Ultra4Next reviews	Staff approve dates proposed by schools
3. The location host confirms	The Lab host or the company confirms the site is available that day
4. Schools respond	Instructors accept or decline for their school
5. It is confirmed	The first school to accept confirms the event; other schools can still join

The portal also has a message board where schools, staff, and company hosts coordinate in one place instead of scattered email threads.

Cost, and who covers it

There is no fee for a school to participate. For each trip we look for a company sponsor to cover the students' expenses — transportation, meals, and safety gear — so that a school's budget never decides which students get to come.

If a trip does not have a sponsor yet, tell us rather than turning down the date. We would rather go find a sponsor than have your students miss it.

Companies that want to sponsor a trip can email Alex@Ultra4Next.org, or use the "Sponsor this student trip" button on any tour at ultra4next.net.

Current partner schools

School	Location
Silver Valley High School	Yermo
Hesperia Unified School District	Hesperia
Copper Mountain College	Joshua Tree
Barstow Community College	Barstow

How to start

1. Email Alex Striler at Alex@Ultra4Next.org and tell us your school, your CTE or media program, and roughly how many students you would bring.
2. We set up a call with you, Alex, and Shaun Kittrell to answer questions and talk about what your students need.
3. Your instructor receives a portal access code and can immediately see the calendar and upcoming dates.
4. Run the Student Interest Packet with your students to pick who attends the first trip.
5. Accept a date in the portal. Start with one trip and see how it goes before committing to a schedule.

Who to contact

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