

Attachment C – Form 1023
Part IV

ACE MONSTER TOYS
27-3573767

ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Ace Monster Toys is a California Corporation formed and organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, and intended to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the scope and guidelines of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and Treasury Regulations section 1.501(c)(3)-1.

Ace Monster Toys is a charitable, educational organization formed to provide hands-on technical-creative learning opportunities for the general public and to provide infrastructure and resources for the development of technical-creative projects in the Oakland, California area.

Strategic decisions are made by the board of directors of Ace Monster Toys and implemented by the officers. All officers and board members are unpaid volunteers.

Ace Monster Toys has no endowment and is dependent on its members and the general public for funding through membership fees and donations of goods and services.

Present Activities

Ace Monster Toys hosts public, technical-creative skills workshops at its facilities and provides materials and a work space for members to develop technical-creative projects in Oakland, California. Ace Monster Toys conducts substantially similar activities as Noisebridge, an organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.¹

Ace Monster Toys provides free public workshops taught by volunteers on a variety of technical-creative subjects. All workshops are open to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Workshops are promoted locally via email lists, word of mouth, the event listing service meetup.com and the publicly accessible calendar on the Ace Monster Toys web site.² Public benefit comes directly to the general public who attend the workshops.

The following is a sample of the public workshops that have been offered at the Ace Monster Toys facilities:

- Model Thinking Study Group: Model thinking study group
- CAD / Laser / 3D night: Informal classes on drawing things in 2D / 3D, and getting those designs out to a 3D printer, laser cutter, or CNC to produce the object in the real world.

¹ Noisebridge's Form 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

² See a list of upcoming events as well as highlights from past events attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- Learn to Sew using Machines: Basics of machine sewing, including theory, demonstration on various materials and one basic project will be covered in this class.
- Arduino/AVR/Microcontroller meetup: Meetup to work on microcontrollers, arduinos, or whatever attendees choose.
- LED Lighting Design: Introduction to LED basics including electrical characteristics and introductory color theory.

The public workshop instructors volunteer their time to conduct the classes. The following is a sample of the workshop instructors along with their qualifications:

- David Rorex: Mr. Rorex studied Nuclear Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. Since 2003 he has been writing software and developing web-based applications. He has also developed video games and applications for embedded systems, and has several years of experience with microcontrollers and basic electronics subsystems.
- Aaron Baum, Ph.D.: Mr. Baum founded the first algae lab at All Power Labs. He was educated at Harvard and Stanford and has worked in Silicon Valley. He has a passion for sustainability, teaching, and science in general.
- Robert Cook: Mr. Cook cofounded Metaweb, Inc. and Freebase, a massive, open-license database, both of which were acquired by Google in 2010. Mr. Cook built his first computer in 1979 and published his first video game three years later through Broderbund Software. He ran the San Francisco division of Applied Minds, a research and development consultancy and has founded several companies, including one most recently to produce software-controlled environmental lighting.
- Rachel Sadd: Ms. Sadd works on commission based bespoke couture for bay area artists and burning man attendees. She has created an accessible sewing/textile curriculum for the Ace Monster Toys workshops.

In addition to public workshops, Ace Monster Toys also maintains tools and a work and meeting space for members and the general public to work on technical-creative projects. Resources include a meeting and collaborative work area that comfortably seats twenty people, secure storage area for projects and materials and a shop area with work benches. Tools provided include office tools such as a laser printer and shop tools such as various power saws, a drill press, lathes, computer operated mills and a laser cutter.

Funding and Fundraising

Ace Monster Toys has over forty active members who pay dues of eighty dollars per month (or forty dollars per month for lower-income members and students). Ace Monster Toys is entirely funded by dues and voluntary contributions from its members.

Some of the public workshops cost a small fee. Such fees are used exclusively to cover the costs of materials. The workshop instructors are all un-paid volunteers. An example of a fee amount for a recent workshop is a five dollar fee for a sewing workshop where attendees learned basic sewing machine usage by altering a t-shirt into a tote bag.

Future Plans

Ace Monster Toys plans to expand its collaborative space to provide more resources and improve accessibility to meet the increasing demands of its members and the general public. As Ace Monster Toys' facilities and membership grow, the organization plans to use its expanded knowledge base to offer more learning opportunities and technical services to the general public.

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Part V – Line 1a

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COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The directors and officers will not be compensated for acting in their respective capacities.

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Part V – Line 5a

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The company's conflict of interest policy is provided in Article 9 of the Bylaws of the Company attached as Attachment B to the Form 1023 Application.

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Part V – Line 8a

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AGREEMENTS WITH OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Ace Monster Toys's facilities, located 6050 Lowell St, Suite 214, Oakland, CA, are leased from the property owner, Wilson Associates, by Louis Albert Billings, a member of Ace Monster Toys, on behalf of Ace Monster Toys. The lease for the space was signed in July, 2010, prior to the incorporation of Ace Monster Toys, but with the intention that the sole purpose of the space was to be the facilities for Ace Monster Toys. The lease has not been assigned to Ace Monster Toys because as relatively new entity, it does not have an established credit history acceptable to Wilson Associates. Current payments on the lease are paid by Ace Monster Toys directly to Wilson Associates and it is expected that, should the lease be renewed, Ace Monster Toys will become the lease holder. Through the current arrangement, Mr. Billings receives no special benefit, financial or otherwise, which is not also extended to all members of Ace Monster Toys (use of the space).

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Part VI – Lines 1a and 1b

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SERVICES PROVIDED

See above, Attachment C - Part IV, for a description of services provided.

Attachment I – Form 1023
Part VI – Line 2

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MEMBER ONLY BENEFITS

While Ace Monster Toys is committed to providing services to the general public, certain benefits are restricted to members only. The primary benefit of membership is unrestricted access to the facilities. Non-members are only permitted to access the facilities when a class, workshop, or study group is in session or when a member is available to open the facility to non-members. This restriction is primarily in place for security. Additionally, only members may reserve access to desk and storage lockers. Membership is open to the general public and costs eighty dollars per month (or forty dollars per month for lower-income members and students).

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Part VI – Line 3

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SERVICES PROVIDED TO FAMILY MEMBERS OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

Recipients of goods or services provided by Ace Monster Toys may have a family or business relationship with an officer or director, however they will be treated no differently from any other member of the general public.

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Part VIII – Line 4a and d

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SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND FUNDRAISING PLAN

Ace Monster Toys raises funds primarily through new memberships. These memberships are solicited via the organization's website, acemonstertoys.org, by email, and in person during appearances by members at local related events such as Maker Faire (<http://makerfaire.com/>). Additional fundraising will occur via the same methods for direct contributions to the organization.

In the future, Members may also solicit companies for in-kind or equipment donations.

Fundraising takes place in Oakland, California and via the organization's website, acemonstertoys.org.

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Part IX – Line 23

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ITEMIZED EXPENSES

Expense	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Government Fees	\$65.00	-	\$850.00	\$100.00
Facility Improvements	\$300.00	\$1,500	\$3,150.00	\$6,900.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$365.00</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$4,000.00</i>	<i>\$7,000.00</i>