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Friday, September 14, 2012

**SPECIAL NOTICES:**

**BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING:** The EMU Board of Regents will hold its September meeting **Tuesday, September 18**. The meeting will be held in Welch Hall. The day will begin with Committee meetings as follows:

- 9 - 9:45 a.m. - Athletic Affairs Committee, 201 Welch Hall
- 9 - 9:45 a.m. - Educational Policy Committee, 205 Welch Hall
- 10 - 10:45 a.m. - Student Affairs Committee, 201 Welch Hall
- 10 - 10:45 a.m.- Faculty Affairs Committee, 205 Welch Hall
- 11 - 11:45 a.m. - Finance, Audit and Investment Committee, 201 Welch Hall

The regular Board of Regents meeting will be from 1 - 2 p.m., Room 201, Welch Hall.

**YOUTH INSTRUCTORS NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** The EMU Bright Futures Program is a 21st Century Community Learning Centers program for students in grades 2-12 in several local school districts (Wayne-Westland, Romulus, Willow Run, and Ypsilanti) is seeking qualified candidates to work with all grade levels. Program times vary depending on site but run after school between the hours of 2 - 7p.m., Monday - Thursday. The job involves forming positive relationships with students, helping with homework, planning/running academic activities (math & writing),and planning and leading various clubs/activities. At this time, our high school programs have a strong need for instructors whom can lead sports and outdoor activities. (High School programs run from 2 - 5 p.m). The overall goal of the program is to provide students with positive after school activities and to improve academic skills and experiences in school.

This is a great opportunity for someone who has an interest in working with youth. You must be a self-starter and have a passion for working with students. This is a high-energy program and ideal candidates will reflect the same. Experience working with youth is **REQUIRED**. Some formal teacher training is preferred.

**Important Notes:**

- Location: Wayne-Westland and Romulus Schools

- We prefer candidates who are available to work every day, Monday - Thursday, ten hours per week.
- Compensation is \$8.00 - \$10.00 per hour depending on experience and education.

If interested, please send an email to Melissa Calabrese at [MCalabr2@emich.edu](mailto:MCalabr2@emich.edu) with your resume attached. Please identify the days, times, grade level, and location you prefer.

**FREE TUTORING HELP WITH ENGLISH AVAILABLE:** The International Students Resource Center (ISRC) is now offering one-on-one tutoring for EMU international students who need extra help with their English language skills. The ISRC is open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ISRC is located in Room 200, Alexander. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, e-mail [esl@emich.edu](mailto:esl@emich.edu) or call 487-0370.

**DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?:** The EMU Children's Institute cookbook is now available and filled with over 140 recipes contributed by families and staff. The cookbook is \$10.00 (spiral bound) and \$5.00 for the CD (cash or check ) with proceeds going to the Family Scholarship Fund. Stop by the Children's Institute, 1055 Cornell, Suite 101, Fletcher between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact Tracey Buhinicek at 487-2348, or email at [tuhinice@emich.edu](mailto:tuhinice@emich.edu). Try a new recipe and help a child.

**\* LATINO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS:** The EMU chapter of the Latino Alumni Association is now accepting scholarships applications for the Roy Casanova and Carlos "El Jefe" Falcon scholarships. The deadline for submission is **Sunday, September 30**. Winners of the scholarships must attend the "Dia De La Raza" meeting on Friday, October 12, at 5 p.m. For applications, please e-mail the Center for Multicultural Affairs at [cma.dci@emich.edu](mailto:cma.dci@emich.edu). All applications must be submitted electronically to [jesus.m.solis@gmail.com](mailto:jesus.m.solis@gmail.com).

**COFFEE WITH THE CIO:** Carl Powell will provide updates on current IT initiatives and answer questions on **today, September 14**, 9 - 11 a.m., in 301 Halle Library - Carillon Room.

**BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND BLUE CARE NETWORK EDUCATIONAL SESSION:** Starting January 1, 2013, health care options for several employee groups will be modified and expanded. An education session with BCBS to inform Administrative Professional, Administrative Hourly, Athletics Coaches, Campus Police, Clerical Secretarial, and Confidential Clericals about their new health care options will be held **today, September 14, 9 - 11:30 a.m.**, in the Welch Hall Regents board room. **Open enrollment for the new health care options will take place this fall.**

This session will replace the previously scheduled morning and afternoon sessions and will cover the new health care plans during one extended session. The primary focus of this will include:

- **PPO**
- **Health Savings Account (HSA) Eligible PPO**
- **Blue Care Network (BCN) HMO**
- **BCBS Pharmacy Initiatives**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Benefits Office at 487-3195.

**PLANNED COMPUTING SYSTEM DOWNTIME:** There is a planned computing system downtime scheduled for **tonight, September 14, 6 - 10 p.m.**, for a special maintenance window to upgrade hardware. During the hardware upgrade, the following major computer systems will be unavailable:

- EMU Website ([www.emich.edu](http://www.emich.edu))
- Xtender
- Personal Web Pages ([people.emich.edu](http://people.emich.edu))
- Shared Folders and Files (commonly known as U:\ and/or W:\ drives)

All other systems and services remain AVAILABLE including:

- Wired and Wireless Internet Access (residence halls, offices, and classrooms)
- My.emich
- EMU-Online course management system ( [emuonline.edu](http://emuonline.edu) )
- Online Hiring System ( [www.emujobs.com](http://www.emujobs.com) )
- EagleMail ([mail.emich.edu](mailto:mail.emich.edu))

All planned maintenance for major EMU systems is scheduled in conjunction with the ERP-Business Operations Committee (BOC). The BOC includes representation from various campus units and the Faculty Senate. Please contact the Help Desk at 487-2120 or [it.helpdesk@emich.edu](mailto:it.helpdesk@emich.edu) if you have any questions about this scheduled downtime. We appreciate your patience during this important and required system outage.

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY UPDATES:** If your Department Directory listing is not accurate, please send the updated information to: [dept\\_directory@emich.edu](mailto:dept_directory@emich.edu). For questions, contact Debra Burke at 487-6895 or by e-mail at [dburke15@emich.edu](mailto:dburke15@emich.edu). Please note that personal directory listings are populated by Banner and you will need to contact Academic HR or Staff HR to update personal listings.

**POST EVENTS TO CALENDAR ON EMU WEBSITE:** Would you like to post an event or happening around campus? Integrated Content has developed a new application for posting events to the university-wide events calendar. The new "template" is easy to use and gives any user with a My.emich username and password the ability to submit and manage an event. All events are subject to approval. To submit an event, go to the EMU website, click on "calendars," click the green button labeled "Submit an Event" (located on the bottom left) and enter your event information. If you need help or have questions, please contact Darcy Gifford at [dgiffor2@emich.edu](mailto:dgiffor2@emich.edu) or Debra Johnson at [djohn144@emich.edu](mailto:djohn144@emich.edu).

**SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY:** To submit an announcement or post an event to **EMU TODAY**, please forward your entry electronically to [emu\\_today@emich.edu](mailto:emu_today@emich.edu). Please be sure to format your entry using the EMU TODAY style and include a contact name, phone number and/or an e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

**NOTE: Asterisk denote new items.**

### **EVENTS FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:**

**SOFTBALL'S "KNOCK CANCER OUT OF THE PARK" CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:** All are welcome to participate in the Knock Cancer out of the Park Cornhole Tournament, **Saturday, September 15**, at 1 p.m., at Varsity Field. \$20 per team includes BBQ lunch. All proceeds will benefit CS Mott Children's Hospital. Pre-register by Thursday, September 13 and pay \$20 or walk-ups pay \$25. To register, contact [emu\\_softball@emich.edu](mailto:emu_softball@emich.edu).

### **Lectures and Meetings**

**AN OPEN DIALOGUE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Join panelists from local community service organizations to discuss the nature, prevalence, and responses to domestic violence, on

**Monday, September 17**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., in the Walton-Putnam Lounge in the First-Year Center Residence Halls. This event is free and open to the public and LBC approved. For additional information, contact Lisa Laverty at [LLaverty@emich.edu](mailto:LLaverty@emich.edu).

CONSTITUTION DAY LECTURE: Learn more about *The Story of Lawrence v. Texas: How a Bedroom Arrest Decriminalized Gay Americans*, **Tuesday, September 18**, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., in the Student Center auditorium. This lecture will address the background of the Supreme Court's decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003), which held sodomy laws unconstitutional. Professor Carpenter teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, the First Amendment, and sexual orientation and the law at University of Minnesota. He is the author of *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas*, and is a frequent television, radio, and print commentator on constitutional law, the First Amendment, and sexual orientation and the law. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. LBC approved. For additional information, contact Kate Mehuron at 487-4348 or email at [kmehuron@emich.edu](mailto:kmehuron@emich.edu).

METLIFE PLANSMART FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES: EMU Benefits Office is pleased to offer the MetLife PlanSmart Financial Education Series - *Understanding Life Insurance*, scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 26**, 12-1 p.m., HR Training Suite. At this workshop, you will learn about factors to consider in determining how much life insurance you need and about different types of life insurance options. For details about each session or to register, please visit [www.MetLifePlanSmart.com](http://www.MetLifePlanSmart.com) or call 1-866-801-3547. If you are prompted to enter your employer's name, please enter it as shown here: **EMU**. For questions regarding the course scheduling, please contact Chontae Sylvertooth at 487-1052. For questions regarding the course content please contact MetLife at the number above.

## Seminars and Workshops

MY.EMICH ELECTRONIC PERSONNEL ACTION FORM LABS: My.Emich Electronic Personnel Action Form (EPAF) Labs will be held twice weekly for anyone who needs assistance entering and approving graduate and hourly student personnel actions. EPAF is a new paperless process that manages personnel actions (e.g. new hire, rehire, change, terminate). Bring your graduate and hourly student personnel paperwork with you to one of these labs where there will be subject matter experts available to walk you through the data entry and approval processes. Visit <http://www.emich.edu/calendar/#conferences-workshops> for a list of "My.Emich Personnel Action Forms (EPAF) Lab" dates, times, and locations. For more information, contact Kathy Robertson at 487-2666 or email [krobertso1@emich.edu](mailto:krobertso1@emich.edu).

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CENTER EVENTS:** Below are some of the upcoming events offered by the FDC. For a complete list of all FDC events, go to [Upcoming FDC Events](#). Please contact Kelly Frisch at 487-0020, ext. 2112 or email at [aavp\\_fdc@emich.edu](mailto:aavp_fdc@emich.edu) for additional information.

**Jam Sessions - Tuesday, 12:30 - 2 p.m., 109 Hall (FDC)**

Sponsored by the New York Times Readership Program, these sessions are informal where one facilitator will start off on a topic of general or current interest and then let the conversation go. It's a time for faculty/lecturers to meet people from other units, have a chance to think widely and critically with no "learning outcomes" beyond collegiality and maybe a couple fresh ideas. The NYT Readership will provide lunch.

- **Tuesday, September 18:** Using Threaded Discussion
- **Tuesday, October 2:** NY Times in Classrooms

**FDC Learning Communities**

Application deadlines for the following learning communities is **Wednesday, September 19, 2012:** New Faculty Learning Community, Global Learning Community, and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Community. These semester-long workshops are a great opportunity to enhance your teaching in the classroom. Applications and details are available on the FDC website

**SPSS I and SPSS II FALL WORKSHOPS - Dates in October**

Join Professor Joe Scazzero for two hands-on training sessions for the statistical software SPSS. Check the [Upcoming FDS Events](#) page for the dates, times and registration.

**ATTENTION FULL AND PART-TIME LECTURERS:** Would you like the chance to learn more about integrating academic service-learning and community into your coursework? If so, apply for the AS-L Community Integration Workshop. This 3-session professional development opportunity will give you the tools to integrate community specifically through academic service-learning, or through identified community based projects. You will receive a stipend for your participation. For more information, call the Office of Academic Service-Learning at 487-6570, or email Jessica 'Decky' Alexander, AS-L Director at [vtomalia@emich.edu](mailto:vtomalia@emich.edu). Deadline for receipt of application is **Monday, September 17.**

## Activities and Events

**BRYAN KEMPER TO SPEAK AT EMU:** Students for Life at EMU present Bryan Kemper, founder of Rock for Life, Stand True and the Pro-life Day of Silent Solidarity, **Wednesday, September 19**, at 6 p.m., in Room G03, Halle Library. In 1987, Kemper started his work in the Christian music industry. He was determined to be a rock star, to stand on a stage and share his testimony between songs. In 1993, he combined his passion for music and pro-life into one organization (Rock For Life). Since then, he has stood on many stages and shared his testimony with a variety of audiences both here in the States and internationally. This event has been approved for LBC credit. All are welcome.

**FALL STUDY ABROAD FAIR:** Join us for our Fall Study Abroad Fair, **Tuesday, September 18**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Student Center ballroom. Learn how financial aid can help you to finance your international education and meet faculty directors and returning students.

**GOLF OUTING HONORING GREG O'DELL:** Eastern Michigan University will host a golf outing honoring the late Greg O'Dell, former Chief of Police at EMU. The outing is scheduled for **Friday, September 28**, at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$50 for the dinner only portion. A schedule of the day's events is below:

- 8:00 a.m.      Registration
- 9:15 a.m.      Free clinic with golf pro Craig Piscopink
- 10:00 a.m.     Shotgun start
- 12:00 p.m.     Lunch on the course
- 3:00 p.m.      Dinner and silent auction

Proceeds from the golf outing will help fund the Greg O'Dell Criminal Justice Student Scholarship, established for students who are pursuing a career in criminal justice. To register for the golf outing or to make a donation, please go to the [Greg O'Dell Golf Outing](#) website. Eagle Crest Golf Club is located at 1275 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI.



## BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND BLUE CARE NETWORK PRE-ENROLLMENT Q&A SESSION:

A Pre-Enrollment Q&A education session is scheduled with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network on **Friday, September 28**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Regents board room in Welch Hall for employees classified as Administrative Professional, Administrative Hourly, Athletics Coaches, Campus Police, and Confidential Clericals. **Open enrollment for these new health care options will take place this fall.** The changes do not apply to employees represented by certain EMU unions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the benefits office at 487-3195.

ANNUAL EMU GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY: All are welcome to attend the 8th Annual EMU German-American Day, **Monday, October 1**, in the ballroom of the Student Center. This year's theme: "Celebrating 200 Years of the Brothers' Grimm Fairy Tales and American Adaptions." In 1812, the famous first volume of the "Kinder-und Hausmaerchn" were published. The program is from 4 - 6 p.m., with an authentic German dinner following from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to reserve seat, by Thursday, September 20, to [mzinggele@emich.edu](mailto:mzinggele@emich.edu).

## Arts and Entertainment

SPECIAL SCREENING OF "NOTE BY NOTE: THE MAKING OF STEINWAY L1037": The EMU Department of Music and Dance and the EMU Foundation proudly present a special screening of "Note by Note: The Making of Steinway L1037" at the Michigan Theater on **Sunday, September 23**, at 2 p.m.

This feature-length independent documentary follows the creation of a Steinway concert grand from forest floor to concert hall. A Steinway L1037 (featured in the film), will be on display following the movie during a reception to raise awareness for the Steinway Campaign at EMU. Tickets are \$10; EMU students with ID, seniors age 55 & older, Michigan Theater Members, \$7. Sales benefit the Steinway Campaign at EMU. Advance tickets are available at [Ticketweb](http://Ticketweb) or if you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to the Steinway campaign at EMU, please go to [EMU Foundation](http://EMU Foundation). For more information, contact Amanda Skowronek at 481-2335 or at [askowro2@emich.edu](mailto:askowro2@emich.edu).

TIESTO: CLUB LIFE COLLEGE INVASION TOUR BRINGS DJ TO CONVOCATION CENTER: Tiesto: Club Life College Invasion Tour brings the world's biggest DJ for a return engagement to the EMU Convocation Center **Thursday, October 11**. Tickets will be on sale starting Tuesday, June 26 at [emutix.com](http://emutix.com) or call 487-2282. Ticket prices are \$40 for Main Floor and \$30 for Lower Bowl. Students can purchase the lower bowl tickets at a student rate of \$20 in

person at any EMU ticket office. For more information go to the [convocation website](#) or visit the [convocation center facebook page](#).

**YELAWOLF: SLUMERICAN TOUR AT PEASE AUDITORIUM:** Yelowolf: Slumerican Tour featuring special guests Rittz, Trouble Andrew, Dj Vajra will be coming to Pease Auditorium on **Saturday, October 27**. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchase on line at [emutix.com](#), by phone at 487-2282 or in person at any of the EMU ticket office locations. For more information go to the [convocation website](#) or visit the [convocation center facebook page](#).

**MATISYAHU COMING TO PEASE AUDITORIUM:** Grammy nominated artist Matisyahu will be coming to Pease Auditorium, **Thursday, November 8**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. show. Tickets are available at [emutix.com](#) or by phone 487-2282. As one of America's most successful touring artists, Matisyahu has spent the summer months co-headlining with the Dirty Heads and making stops in over 50 cities to support his fourth studio album *Spark Seeker*, which was released to rave reviews. *Spark Seeker* debuted at No. 19 on the Billboard 200 chart, No.1 on the Reggae Chart, No.3 on the Independent Album Chart and No. 7 on the Digital Album Chart. Also garnering well-deserved acclaim is album track, "Live Like a Warrior" which sat at No.1 on the Reggae Single Chart and "Sunshine" at No. 2 during *Spark Seeker's* release week.

## **Athletics**

**EMU EAGLES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:** Show your support for the EMU Eagles and attend one or all of the football games. Below are the home and away games or click on [2012 football season](#). For ticket pricing and/or to purchase tickets, go to [2012 Football Tickets](#).

- Sept. 15 (at Purdue), 12 p.m.
- Sept. 22 (at Michigan State), TBA
- Oct. 6, Kent State, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 13, Toledo, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 20, Army, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (at Bowling Green), 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 (at Ohio), 6 p.m.
- Nov. 10, Central Michigan, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 17 (at Western Michigan), 2 p.m.
- Nov. 23, Northern Illinois, TBA
- Nov. 30, vs. MAC Championship

FALL FITNESS CLASSES AT THE REC/IM: The 2012 Fall Group Fitness Program classes have started and run through **Friday, October 26**. Check out some of the new classes added for this Fall:

- **Total Body Conditioning:** This is a cross-fit inspired class that will incorporate elements of power, strength, endurance and agility by utilizing high intensity training mixed with dynamic body movements. This class is designed to burn fat while building muscle, increase strength while improving endurance, and develop power while increasing agility.
- **Everything Cardio:** Designed to energize the body system, burn fat, increase endurance, and focus on the complete body fitness. Turn your boring elliptical workout into a challenging, specific, and self-motivating routine that you will be able to carry with you beyond the class.
- **TRX/Kettlebell:** This class combines the best of both kettlebell and TRX classes in a terrific, functional and powerful class. It's perfect for those on the fast track to reaching their health and fitness goals. This is the ultimate class for extreme all-round fitness.
- **Spin & Sculpt:** Start with an intense cardio blast on the spinning bikes simulating a real-life road course up and down hills, over jumps and through speed intervals followed by targeted strength training routine off the bike designed to “burn and sculpt”.

Drop-in day pass (only \$10) or sign up for an all-access pass for \$75 for seven weeks. For more information, call the Rec/IM at 487-1338 or go to [all fitness programs](#). Programs are offered through [b.young b.fit](#).

## Reminders

**START YOUR OWN BUSINESS CLASS FOR VETERANS:** The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) and Eastern Michigan University want to help veterans seeking to start their own businesses by offering a veteran-specific New Venture program for free starting **Saturday, October 13**, at the EMU Livonia campus. The New Venture class normally costs \$700 per participant. Working in conjunction with VetBizCentral, the New Venture program will be aimed at aspiring and early stage entrepreneurs through the 10-week business development class featuring the nationally acclaimed New Venture curriculum. This program helps entrepreneurs evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning their own business. To apply, go to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e66geq0uh4zt6g5w/start> or call 734-487-0355. (10/12)

TUITION WAIVER DEADLINES: The deadline for submitting tuition waivers for *Fall 2012* is **Thursday, Sept. 14**. All tuition waivers must be submitted to the Benefits Office, 140 McKenny Hall. You can also fax your waiver to 487-4389. Tuition waivers submitted after the deadline will not be approved. For additional questions, contact Helene Neely at 487-3195, or e-mail [hneely@emich.edu](mailto:hneely@emich.edu).

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM SEEKS EMU STUDENTS: The EMU McNair Scholars Program prepares high-achieving undergraduates from first-generation, low-income and traditionally underrepresented families for admission to and success in doctoral studies. We are seeking sophomore and juniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive individual advising, financial support and the opportunity to engage in mentored research experiences. Please send us the name of students who might benefit from McNair services. Contact Heather Neff at [heather.neff@emich.edu](mailto:heather.neff@emich.edu) or call 487-8240 for more information.

WIP GRANT APPLICATIONS DEADLINE OCT. 7: Women in Philanthropy at EMU will be accepting grant applications through **Sunday, October 7** for the 2012 grant year. Applications must be submitted by using the online template found on the [WIP-EMU grant guidelines homepage website](#). For further assistance, call Laura Thomas of the EMU Foundation at 481-2323.

FACULTY RESEARCH RESOURCE COMMITTEE OFFERS HELP: The Faculty Research Resource Committee within the College of Business is pleased to offer the services of John Waltman to help prepare articles and presentations for final submission to journals or scholarly conferences. The committee will underwrite the costs of the editing assistance. Waltman will edit and review final versions of articles as well as proposals for conference papers. His efforts will focus on style and grammar as well as bibliographic format checking. The editing services are available now. If you are interested in these services, contact Waltman at [jwaltman@emich.edu](mailto:jwaltman@emich.edu) or call 517-423-7278.

## Scholarships

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: To find out about current scholarship opportunities, go to [search scholarships](#).

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On this day...

On this day in 1814 - Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner," a poem originally known as "Defense of Fort McHenry," after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, MD, during the War of 1812. The song became the official U.S. national anthem on March 3, 1931.

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Fact:

The **roller coaster** is a popular amusement ride developed for amusement parks and modern theme parks. LaMarcus Adna Thompson patented the first roller coasters on January 20, 1885, which were made out of wood. In essence a specialized railroad system, a roller coaster consists of a track that rises in designed patterns, sometimes with one or more inversions (such as vertical loops) that turn the rider briefly upside down.

In 1959, Disneyland introduced a new design breakthrough with the Matterhorn Bobsleds. This was the first roller coaster to use a tubular steel track. Unlike wooden coaster rails, which are generally formed using steel strips mounted on laminated wood, tubular steel can be easily bent in any direction, which allows designers to incorporate loops, corkscrews, and many other maneuvers into their designs. Most modern roller coasters are made of steel, although wooden coasters are still being built.

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