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McDonough hosts video Game Jam

Aspiring video game developers will gather at the McDonough Museum of Art to see what they can create in 48 hours.

Youngstown Game Developers will host its second Game Jam starting Friday, and all 50 slots for participants are filled, according to organizer Kendra Corpier.

The event will start with a keynote speech at 7 p.m. by Jesse Schell, owner of Schell Games in Pittsburgh. He also teaches game development at Carnegie Mellon University and is the author of *"The Art of Game Design."*

Following the speech, the theme for the game will be revealed and then the participants will team up and work until 3 p.m. Sunday creating a video game inspired by the theme.

Game jams are popular in the gaming community, but Youngstown didn't have one until last year, Corpier said, and the events serve several purposes.

"Besides meeting other fellow game developers and making new friends and networking contacts, it's knowing that it's not just them that want to make video games," she said. *"There are a lot of us."*

Teams can set whatever schedule they want, but with a short time frame, most trade sleep for a few extra hours of coding.

"Some people are up for the entire 48 hours, and they are crazy," Corpier said. *"I'm too old to be up that long. I bring an air mattress. But you'll see*

people curled up into a ball underneath a table. I've got photos of that. Most take a four-, five-hour nap on Saturday night at the latest."

At 3 p.m. Sunday, the teams that completed the task will demonstrate their games in the auditorium at the McDonough, 525 Wick Ave., Youngstown, and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. The game presentation is free and open to the public. Those interested in attending can email Corpier at Kendra@eim-games.com.

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