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**Cities join to help unemployed at LaidOffCamp in Avondale**

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A series of workshops called LaidOffCamp are being conducted in the Southwest Valley and are designed to help anyone without a full-time job with a job search or with other options.

LaidOffCamp Southwest Valley is an extension of a national effort to help people find work, whether it is full time, freelance or volunteer work. LaidOffCamp is a locally-based, community-supported effort to offer resources and reassurance to job seekers.

Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson and Buckeye are partnering with the Southwest Valley and the Buckeye Valley chambers of commerce and Estrella Mountain Community College to host the second LaidOffCamp Southwest Valley.





The first camp was in August, and it filled up with attendees.

LaidOffCamp Southwest Valley is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at Estrella Mountain Community College, 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale.

The camp is free and open to the first 200 participants who sign up. As of Monday, there were still 135 tickets available.

"With the continued challenges of the economy, it is important to offer our second LaidOffCamp to provide job seekers learning opportunities in a relaxed and positive environment to help them make their next career step and achieve their goals," said Sammi Curless with Avondale's Economic Development Department.

LaidOffCamp is different from job fairs that job seekers typically attend. It is conducted twice a year as an all-day series of seminars and workshops covering topics designed to help job seekers make the next step and achieve their goals.

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