What is the GRIT Foundation?
GRIT Foundation is a nonprofit that connects youth with skilled trades through hands-on camps, workshops, and mentorship. Programs introduce HVAC, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, building science, and practical mentoring in interactive learning environments.

What is GRIT's mission?
GRIT's mission is to reignite curiosity in the skilled trades by connecting youth with real tools, hands-on learning, and experienced tradespeople. Through HVAC-R, electrical, carpentry, and plumbing, we help youth build confidence while helping tradespeople strengthen the mentorship skills they can use with apprentices, coworkers, and future technicians in the field.

What is a GRIT Camp?
GRIT Camps are one-day, hands-on experiences for students ages 12–17 to discover the skilled trades. Guided by experienced tradespeople, students explore real skills in HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry—working with actual tools in authentic settings like contractor shops or training facilities.

Who can host a GRIT Camp?
Contractors, skilled tradespeople, and trades educators can collaborate to host a GRIT Camp. GRIT provides planning support, training guidance, and supplies like PPE and hand tools for students.

What is a GRIT Workshop?
GRIT Workshops bring hands-on trade experiences directly into schools, communities, classrooms, and training rooms. Led by Ty Branaman, these workshops introduce students to real-world skills connected to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, construction, welding, building science, and more through immersive discovery.

Who can host a GRIT Workshop?
A GRIT Workshop may be hosted by a school, contractor, training center, trade organization, nonprofit, or community group. Hosts provide the space, recruit participants, coordinate event logistics, and supply agreed-upon materials. GRIT provides the workshop structure, guidance, and a trained presenter or approved facilitator.

How can I get involved?

- **Host a Camp or Workshop:** We'll help you plan and launch a GRIT program in your area.
- **Mentor or Volunteer:** Skilled tradespeople can guide students throughout the camp. To ensure a safe and productive learning environment, all mentors must take our free online course, pass a background check, and read our GRIT Camp training guide before participating.
- **Donate:** Contributions directly support tools, materials, and program expansion.

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