

ADMINISTRATOR FAQs

Below are frequently asked questions and answers about how schools and organizations partner with the nonprofit Invent Now organization to provide the Camp Invention experience for the children in their communities.

Where is the Camp Invention program located?

The Camp Invention program can be hosted at any local school, university, or community center. Each summer, the program is hosted at over 1,000 locations nationwide.

Who teaches the program?

Stipends are provided for local educators to lead and direct the Camp Invention program. All background information and step-by-step instructions are provided to ensure the success of any professional educator. Due to its inquiry-based approach, Camp Invention curricula provide a unique professional development opportunity for educators.

How many staff members are needed?

The Camp Invention program upholds a 1:8 staff-to-child ratio. Staffing levels are based on enrollment, ranging from five to 17 staff members.

How long is the program?

Typically, the program runs for five days (usually Monday through Friday) for 6.5 hours each day. However, Camp Invention schedules and curricula are easily modified to accommodate four-day and half-day schedules if a five-day program is not feasible. Invent Now continues to produce new curricula each year, so multiple weeks of programming are also easily accommodated.

How much does the program cost?

Through our parent-paid tuition model, there is no cost to the host school or organization. Host sites need only provide the space – five classrooms and a multi-purpose room – and the Invent Now home office provides everything else. Many Title I schools/districts and 21st Century Community Learning Centers use their federal funds to provide the program to their students when the parent-paid model is not an option. In addition, the Invent Now organization partners with corporate and nonprofit foundations, through grants, to provide funding so that underserved children can participate in the Camp Invention program.

What does the program provide?

The Camp Invention program is an all-inclusive, turnkey program. The Invent Now home office provides the curricula, materials, T-shirts for participants and staff, flyers, posters, banners, training, staff compensation, and step-by-step instructions to ensure ease of operation and a quality experience for all. Even the registrations and payments are handled completely by the home office.

My interest is sufficiently piqued... How do I get started?

The key is to act now – the sooner you get started, the more time you'll have to ensure your program's success. The first step is as easy as selecting a week and location and contacting the Invent Now home office at 800.968.4332 or campinvention@invent.org. A Regional Coordinator will contact you and walk you through the process – every step of the way.

