

We can't wait for campers to experience the collaboration and problem-solving action heading their way! We have all the bases covered for working families in need of childcare, as well as something FUN children can look forward to this summer. Here's what you need to know and prepare for your upcoming program:

## SAFETY

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We are following CDC recommendations for COVID-19, with the guidelines noted below. However, this is not an exhaustive list, as protocols vary from region to region. You will receive a communication from your Camp Director prior to your start date with any additional information pertaining to your local program.

## WHAT TO BRING

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- Your child will need a packed lunch, drink/water bottle and snack each day, clearly marked with their name.
- Parents are encouraged to bring a cloth face covering for their child, as well as additional hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, if possible.
- Face coverings may be challenging for children (especially younger participants) to wear in all-day settings like camp. Face coverings should be worn as feasible and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Individuals should be reminded not to touch their face covering and to wash their hands frequently.
- Send your child on a fun scavenger hunt to collect safe **Upcycle** items they will use for prototyping throughout the week. Upcycles will not be shared this year.
- Have your child bring all their items in a labeled backpack, bag or box they are able to carry. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
- If your child needs to take medication while at camp, please bring it in its original container with a signed physician's note (if prescription), the approved administrator and instructions.

Why Upcycle? Inventing and solving challenges can come in many forms of inspiration. To provide affordable medical equipment in poverty-stricken areas, Collegiate Inventors Competition finalists, NeoVent, used a yogurt container and duct tape to prototype their lifesaving infant respirator!

## UPCYCLE EXAMPLES

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- Small/medium boxes, paper towel tubes
- Craft supplies (beads, buttons, fabric, strings)
- Bubble wrap, foam trays, rubber bands
- Miscellaneous paper (construction, magazines, newspapers, etc.)
- Pulleys, springs, strainers, washers
- Unwanted discs, tapes and cases

## DAILY PROTOCOL

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- First days can be hectic, and your child may be nervous — that's OK. By the end of the week, we promise they won't want camp to end!
- For pick-up and drop-off, please be patient and remain in your vehicle. A Program Team Member will check your child in and out daily. They will greet you and ask general health questions if part of regional guidelines.
- Children will wash hands throughout the day, including upon pick-up and drop-off.
- Check your child's temperature each morning before they come to camp. If your child has a temperature over 100.4 degrees, they should stay home.
- Social distancing is to be used whenever possible, and children will be broken into smaller groups with staggered lunch schedules.
  - Weather permitting, some activities may be held outdoors. Sunscreen must be self-supplied/applied. No flip-flops please.
- Our programs are led exclusively by certified educators, and we have a 1:8 child-to-Program Team Member ratio.
  - Program Team Members are to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) if part of regional guidelines.
  - Increased sanitization practices will be in place, and shared objects should be limited when possible or cleaned between use.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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Children use their creativity, imagination and inventive thinking skills to solve problems, always building on what they learned the day before. Through hands-on fun, science is made exciting and accessible while children work together as a team. Though activities vary depending on the program selected, each one is designed to educate, inspire and challenge your child to think outside the box. Children will bring home cognitive and emotional gains, as well as new experiences that will build their confidence for future endeavors. Additional **Take-Home** items include:

- Personalized Prototypes using Upcycle Items
- Patent Drawings Handout and Design Sketches
- Inventor Log
- Camp Invention T-Shirt

We hope your child is excited for a fun-filled, innovative experience! Thank you for your dedication to hands-on STEM and creativity for your young inventor.

If you have any questions, please call our Customer Relations Team at 800-968-4332 or visit [www.invent.org/programs/faqs-for-parents](http://www.invent.org/programs/faqs-for-parents).