



## Get ready for Camp Invention!

We can't wait for campers to experience the FUN problem-solving action headed their way! Here's everything you need to know and prepare for your upcoming program:

### SAFETY

Our [health and safety guidelines](#) follow CDC recommendations for COVID-19. These are not exhaustive, however, as new information becomes available and protocols vary region to region. You will receive a Welcome email from your Camp Director prior to your start date with any additional information pertaining to your local program. If your child is sick keep them home and notify your Camp Director.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- 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!
- A Program Team Member will greet you to check your child in and out daily, and general health questions may be asked. Your Camp Director will also include any additional pick-up/drop-off information specific to your site in their Welcome email.
- Our programs are led exclusively by certified educators, and we have a 1:8 child-to-Program Team Member ratio.
- Children will 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.
- Our activities are designed to educate, inspire and challenge your child to think outside the box. They will bring home proven cognitive and emotional gains, as well as new experiences that will build their confidence for future endeavors!

### WHAT TO BRING

- Your child will need a packed **lunch, drink and snack** each day, clearly marked with their name (unless your specific location is notified otherwise).
- 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 preapproved administrator and instructions.
- Face masks, physical distancing, sanitization and hand-washing guidelines should be followed as instructed by local authorities.
- Weather permitting, some activities may be held outdoors. Sunscreen must be self-supplied/applied. No flip-flops please.
- Send your child on a fun scavenger hunt to collect **Upcycles** used for prototyping throughout the week!
- 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.

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

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

**Please don't bring:** Anything of personal value, items used to store food/beverages, batteries, cords, glass, glitter, hangers, liquids, medicine containers, packing peanuts, paint, wire.

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

