DID YOU KNOW?
Each year, our Camp Invention® program hosts National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees.

Here are a few big names:

Eric R. Fossum
Inventor of CMOS Image Sensor

Frances Ligler
Inventor of Portable Optical Biosensors

Edmund O. Schweitzer III
Inventor of Digital Protective Relay

Marshall Jones
Inventor of Industrial Lasers

“CURIOsITY AND EXPLORATION ARE THE ESSENTIAL STARTING POINTS OF INNOVATION. WE HAVE TO CULTIVATE THAT IN OURSELVES, AND IN YOUNG CHILDREN, BECAUSE THAT’S WHERE IT STARTS.”
— Sumita Mitra, NIHF Inductee and inventor of nanocomposite dental materials

CAMP INVENTION OVERVIEW
The Camp Invention® program is the only nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program for rising K-6 students that is inspired by the brightest thinkers around — the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF). Children are empowered to have big ideas while they take on challenges that inspire them to question, brainstorm, collaborate with teammates and build amazing invention prototypes!

Explore, Camp Invention’s 2022 program, sparks excitement and inspiration as children engage in hands-on challenges, discover world-changing inventors, and build their confidence as creators and innovators.

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- Over 165,000 underserved children were impacted in 2021.
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ANNUAL IMPACT 2021

235,000+
Students Served

2.7 MILLION
Children, Educators, College Students & Inventors Impacted

165,000+
Underserved Children

32 YEARS
Leaders in STEM Education

2,400+
School & district partnerships nationwide and in Puerto Rico

NEW ACTIVITIES
and curriculum created each year
ROBOTIC AQUATICS™
Children dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own aquatic animal, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their new friend home in a mini tank.

SPACECATION™
Kids discover real space exploration technology when they create Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine an asteroid and observe erupting ice volcanoes.

NIHF’S THE ATTIC™
Campers combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art and learn how inventions can change the way people create.

MARBLE ARCADE™
Campers experiment with the fun of physics, engineering and gaming as they design, build and test their own mega marble arcades.
The National Inventors Hall of Fame® was founded in 1973 in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to honor the individuals who conceived, patented and advanced the greatest technological achievements of our nation. Since then, the organization has evolved to be the nation’s leading nonprofit providing invention education programs, competitions and events. We believe our role as a Hall of Fame is to not only honor the individuals whose inventions have made the world a better place, but also to ensure American ingenuity continues to thrive in the hands of coming generations. This belief is what drives our mission: recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity, and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.