



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:

WHAT TO EXPECT

- First days can be hectic, and your child may be nervous – that's OK. You'll watch their confidence soar as they collaborate with others to share ideas and make new friends. By week's end even our most shy kiddos beg for MORE!
- A Team Member will greet you to check your child in and out daily. Your Camp Director will also include any additional information specific to your site in their Welcome email.
- Parents should follow CDC recommendations and adhere to local health and safety guidelines.
- Weather permitting, some activities may be held outdoors. Sunscreen must be self-supplied/applied. There's plenty of physical activity too, so no flip-flops please. (Note, use of playground equipment is prohibited.)

INNOVATION MINDSET

- Your child will experience proven cognitive and emotional gains with activities that educate and inspire campers to think outside the box.
- Our programs are designed to be progressive and flexible, where your child will be challenged all while having an absolute *blast*. Encourage your young innovator to continue the inventing at home and keep using those "I wonder" statements – where big ideas become the next big thing!

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.
- Send your child on a fun scavenger hunt to collect shareable **Upcycles** used for prototyping throughout the week. Please don't bring anything of personal value, as items cannot be returned or assigned to a specific child.

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: Any items used to store food/beverages, batteries, cords, glass, glitter, hangers, liquids, medicine containers, packing peanuts, paint, or wire. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

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!