



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.
- 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.)

I CAN INVENT 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. (See <https://www.invent.org/terms-and-conditions>)
- 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, packing peanuts, batteries, cords, glass, glitter, hangers, liquids, medicine containers, paint, or wire. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

"I hope that all of you will contribute to making this world a better place and use your ideas, use your creativity, use your knowledge to think about what's wrong in the world and what you can do. Many people are intimidated by that, or they're afraid of that, because they think, whoa, there's a lot going wrong in the world. What could I possibly do as one person? And you will be surprised to find that most of the inventions that have really helped move the world forward were created by people just like you." – Marian Croak, 2022 Inductee, VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Technology