



## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Getting Started3	Camp Invention Videos24
2022 Registration Discount Calendar 4	Special Holiday Calendar2
Program Write-Ups5	Even More Fun for Your Promotions 28
Social Media Promotions10	a. Email Signatures28
	b. Camp Invention Poster Template29
a. Creating a Facebook Event12	c. Camp Invention Zoom Backgrounds 29
b. Promoting Your Facebook Event16	d. Explore Activity Sheets30
c. Best Practices17	e. Utilizing Local Media Outlets to
d. Social Media Images19	Promote Your Program30
e. Facebook Posts20	f. Digital Flyer31
f. Twitter Posts21	
Local Advertising22	

# CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO DOWNLOAD ALL YOUR PROMOTIONAL IMAGES, BANNERS, POSTERS AND MORE!

#### **DOWNLOAD ALL ASSETS**

To download the assets, click the button above. Files should appear in your downloads folder — go to your downloads folder and locate the "all\_downloads\_combo" folder. Double-click to open the file and access the content. Save the files to your computer for use.

# GETTING STARTED

## DEAR CAMP INVENTION PROGRAM TEAM MEMBER,

We can't thank you enough for joining us as a Camp Invention® Director, Instructor or Camp Parent. Your enthusiasm, support and dedication are essential to everything we do.

You are an integral part of Camp Invention's mission to spark the innovative spirit and help as many children as possible to reach their creative potential. The best way to do this is to promote your local program and drive enrollment.

In this promotional guide, you'll find lots of easy-to-use resources — from program write-ups to social media posts and web banners! You'll have everything you need to create excitement in your community and encourage families to register for this one-of-a-kind, hands-on summer experience.

As you review these resources, you'll see that many of the templates include placeholders for discount codes and deadlines, as well as information specific to your local program. These placeholders are highlighted in yellow. Please be sure to fill in these highlighted sections with your local camp details and discount amounts and dates. You can use the discount calendar below as a reference.

Throughout this guide, you'll find suggestions for how to use the resources provided. But remember — we are all about creativity and innovation! So as always, we encourage you to customize your own awareness-building activities to work for your community.

Thank you again for all your support. We can't wait for this summer's new adventures!

Your National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) Team

# 2022 DISCOUNT CALENDAR

#### **EXCITING NEWS!**

We can't wait to see all our friends at camp — so we're providing Camp Invention discounts for both new and returning campers!

Below are the 2022 discounts and discount deadlines — mark your calendar or set a reminder with these dates, and check these tips off your list:



Send a final discount reminder to parents a few days before the deadline



Update any current communications with the next discount code and deadline







#### **EVEN MORE EXCITING NEWS!**

Parents who would like to register for both weeks of Camp Invention can save \$60 off their second week registration. Once they complete their first registration, a confirmation email will be sent including a unique URL. They will need to register for the second week using the unique URL, and a promo code for \$60 off will automatically be applied to their next registration.

The write-ups below can help you promote this summer's exciting Camp Invention programs, Explore and Supercharged! These write-ups are perfect for emails, text messages, morning announcements, district all-calls, digital advertising (including on your school or district website), school newsletters or e-newsletters, community calendars and more! Get creative as you spread the word beyond your school or district.

Note: Be sure to update the highlighted information with your local program details.

## 30-WORD

Your child can take on creative adventures this summer at Camp Invention®! [LOCATION] will host two weeks of this fun K-6 program from [DATE] to [DATE]. Register using [CODE] by [DATE] at invent.org/mylocalcamp to save [AMOUNT]. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to save an additional \$60 off week two!

Unlock your child's potential at Camp Invention®! This nationally acclaimed K-6 program comes to [LOCATION] for two weeks from [DATE] to [DATE] with creative, hands-on STEM adventures.

Register using [CODE] by [DATE] at invent.org/mylocalcamp to save [AMOUNT]!

Your kid can stretch their imagination with hands-on STEM adventures at Camp Invention®! This K-6 program comes to [LOCATION] from [DATE] to [DATE], and each week offers a different experience. Register using [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

The nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® comes to [LOCATION] from [DATE] to [DATE] for two weeks of creative, hands-on STEM adventures for kids in grades K-6! Register using [CODE] by [DATE] to SAVE [AMOUNT] at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

This summer, Camp Invention® comes to [LOCATION] for two weeks of action-packed STEM fun! Week one begins on [DATE] and week two begins on [DATE] with a different program for grades K-6 each week. Register using [CODE] by [DATE] to SAVE [AMOUNT] at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

Thanks to rave reviews, we're bringing Camp Invention® back for its [NUMBER] year at [LOCATION]!
This two-week program is full of allnew, hands-on STEM fun! Register using [CODE] by [DATE] at invent.org/mylocalcamp to save [AMOUNT]. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to save an additional \$60 off week two!

## **100-WORD**

Spark your kid's creativity and build their confidence at Camp Invention®! [LOCATION] is hosting two weeks of fun where children in grades K-6 will learn STEM concepts. In week one, beginning [DATE], they will adopt an aquatic friend, explore space, build a robotic artist and design a marble arcade! In week two, beginning [DATE], they will team up with innovative superheroes, unearth ancient fossils, experiment with radio frequencies and become entrepreneurs! Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

Thanks to amazing reviews from parents, teachers and — most importantly — campers, we're bringing Camp Invention® back to [LOCATION] for two weeks, from [DATE] to [DATE]! Spark your kid's creativity and build their confidence with a different, exciting program each week! Campers in grades K-6 will collaborate with friends in hands-on, open-ended STEM adventures that inspire curiosity and stretch imaginations. Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

## **150-WORD**

Spark your kid's creativity and build their confidence at Camp Invention® this summer! At [LOCATION] during the weeks of [DATE] and [DATE], children in grades K-6 will team up to take on fun, hands-on STEM challenges. In the all-new Explore program, children will dive into ocean research with their own aquatic friend, explore phenomena in space, build a spinning robotic artist and design a mega marble arcade. In the Supercharged program, they will team up with innovative superheroes, navigate a mystery while digging up fossils, become a high-tech farming entrepreneur, and design and modify their own remote-control robots. Each week is designed to provide an unforgettable summer experience! Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

### **150-WORD**

Spark your kid's creativity and build their confidence when Camp Invention® returns to [LOCATION] this summer! Thanks to rave reviews, this popular program will be back for two weeks, from [DATE] to [DATE]. Kids in grades K-6 will team up to take on fun, hands-on STEM challenges with a different program each week! In the all-new Explore program, children will dive into ocean research with their own aquatic friend, explore phenomena in space, build a spinning robotic artist and design a mega marble arcade. In the Supercharged program, they will team up with innovative superheroes, navigate a mystery while digging up fossils, become a high-tech farming entrepreneur, and design and modify their own remote-control robots. Each week is designed to provide an unforgettable summer experience! Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

## 200-PLUS-WORD

Camp Invention<sup>®</sup> is coming to [School District Name]!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), [School District Name] is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. This exciting summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

This summer, there are two sessions of Camp Invention for double the fun! Week one begins on [START DATE] and week two begins on [START DATE]. [DIRECTOR NAME] will be the Director of both sessions.

Both new and returning campers will have an unforgettable time as they take on an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating "a-ha" moments!

In week one, children will take on the all-new Explore program! They'll dive into ocean research with their own aquatic animal, invent devices to explore phenomena in space, create a spinning robotic artist, and design and build a mega marble arcade.

In week two, with the Supercharged program, they will team up with innovative superheroes to take an idea from prototype to patented invention, navigate an underwater mystery while digging up fossil evidence, become successful entrepreneurs in high-tech farming, and experiment with radio frequencies to modify their own remote-control robots.

Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

[Extended Day — if applicable] Exciting news for this location — we are offering an optional Extended Day experience! Your program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional registration cost of \$80 per week. Traditional program hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## 200-PLUS-WORD

Camp Invention<sup>®</sup> is coming back to [School District Name]!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), [School District Name] is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. This exciting summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

This summer, there are two sessions of Camp Invention for double the fun! Week one begins on [START DATE] and week two begins on [START DATE]. [DIRECTOR NAME] will be the Director of both sessions.

Both new and returning campers will have an unforgettable time as they take on an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating "a-ha" moments!

In week one, children will take on the all-new Explore program! They'll dive into ocean research with their own aquatic animal, invent devices to explore phenomena in space, create a spinning robotic artist, and design and build a mega marble arcade.

In week two, with the Supercharged program, they will team up with innovative superheroes to take an idea from prototype to patented invention, navigate an underwater mystery while digging up fossil evidence, become successful entrepreneurs in high-tech farming, and experiment with radio frequencies to modify their own remote-control robots.

Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

[Extended Day — if applicable] Exciting news for this location — we are offering an optional Extended Day experience! Your program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional registration cost of \$80 per week. Traditional program hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS

Creating a buzz about your local Camp Invention program on social media is a quick and easy way to reach parents and spread the word! Below, you will find our how-to guides for creating and promoting a Facebook Event, as well as prewritten posts and images to use on your personal and/or school/district social media profiles.

#### **CREATING A FACEBOOK EVENT**

Creating an event for your local Camp Invention program, rather than a profile or company page, is much more beneficial to your program for numerous reasons:



#### **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION:**

When a parent/participant selects "Attending" on the event page, they will receive notifications every time there is an update on the event page. This means that every time you post a status update, make a logistical change or upload pictures, this information will show in every attendee's News Feed and alert them to check the event page. This does not happen with a Facebook profile. Only a fraction of followers will see updates from profiles, so keep in mind that any urgent or time-sensitive issues will not be seen by all participants!

You can also share a Facebook Event as a Facebook post from your personal social profile. Detailed steps to do so are included in the "Promoting your Facebook Event" section below.



Creating and maintaining an event is easy. In the next section, we have step-by-step guides detailing how to create one.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS**



We have a <u>Camp Invention Facebook page</u> and a dedicated team of social media professionals to maintain our social profiles and respond to parent inquiries year-round. **Creating additional Camp Invention Facebook profiles could cause confusion for parents.** 

Through advertising campaigns and responding to parent questions, we are always working to support local programs and boost registration!

Your Facebook Event is a great way to share relevant details about your local program while the Camp Invention Facebook page promotes camp registrations nationwide and manages parent inquiries. Please feel free to utilize any of the content that is posted on our Facebook page for your event page.



#### A CURRENT ERROR THAT CAN AFFECT FACEBOOK EVENT PAGES

There is currently an issue with Facebook automatically adding an inaccurate price of "Free" and an inaccurate event duration to Facebook Event pages. Users are not able to change these automatically added settings on their event pages.

If you create a Facebook Event page for your local program and experience this issue, we recommend adding the following line of text to the beginning of your event page description:

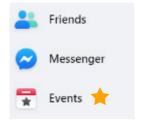
Please note that there is an error with Facebook resulting in inaccurate pricing and duration information being listed above. This program will run from [Start Date] to [End Date] and is \$[Price]. We apologize for any confusion.

Now that you understand the numerous benefits that Facebook Events offer, follow the detailed steps on the next page to create your own!

### **CREATING A FACEBOOK EVENT: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE**

STEP 1

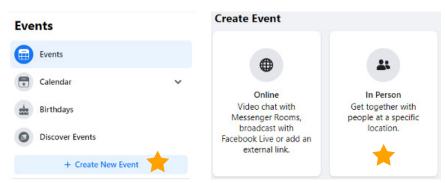
Log into your personal Facebook account. From your HOME view (not PROFILE view) you will see a list of options on the left hand side of your screen. Click on Events. You may need to click on the "see more" arrow depending on how many items your sidebar on your personal Facebook profile has.



Please Note: The additional options pictured here might appear in a different order or some options might not appear at all.



On the left side of the Events page, click on "+ Create New Event" and select "In Person" from the Create Event options that appear.



STEP 3

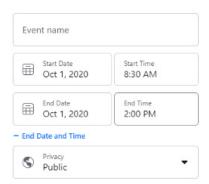
#### Complete the fields under Event Details.

Your Event Name should use the following format:

• "Camp Invention – [Your Location's Name]"

Use your first camp week to set the Start Date/Time for when participants are to arrive at the program on the first day. The End Date/Time should be the final day and ending time of the first week.

Set the event Privacy to "Public."



### **STEP 4**

#### Enter the location of your program site on the next page.

Please use the location of your school or organization as the event location.

#### Location

Add a physical location for people to join your event.



### STEP 5

Click the Description box on this page to enter the details for your program. Please use the program text provided below, and be sure to update the information highlighted to reflect your local program details.

Camp Invention® is coming to [School District Name]!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), [School District Name] is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. This exciting summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

This summer, there are two sessions of Camp Invention for double the fun! Week one begins on [START DATE] and week two begins on [START DATE]. [DIRECTOR NAME] will be the Director of both sessions.

Both new and returning campers will have an unforgettable time as they take on an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating "a-ha" moments!

In week one, children will take on the all-new Explore program! They'll dive into ocean research with their own aquatic animal, invent devices to explore phenomena in space, create a spinning robotic artist, and design and build a mega marble arcade.

In week two, with the Supercharged program, they will team up with innovative superheroes to take an idea from prototype to patented invention, navigate an underwater mystery while digging up fossil evidence, become successful entrepreneurs in high-tech farming, and experiment with radio frequencies to modify their own remote-control robots.

Register for both weeks for double the fun and extra savings — save [AMOUNT] when you register for one week or [AMOUNT] when you register for two! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp and use promo code [CODE] by [DATE] to save [AMOUNT] off your first registration. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to register and save \$60 off week two.

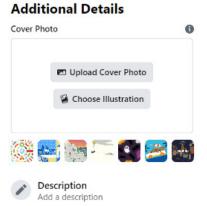
[Extended Day — if applicable] Exciting news for this location — we are offering an optional Extended Day experience! Your program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional registration cost of \$80 per week. Traditional program hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

STEP 6

On the next page, you will be able to add a Cover Photo, Event Description, any Co-hosts to the Facebook Event, and adjust additional event options.

Upload a Cover Photo for your program. We have created a banner photo for you to use on your event page. You can download the banner photo <u>here</u>.

Click on Event Settings to add any additional Facebook users as Co-hosts for the event. If you would like to share the responsibility of managing the event page with other Program Team Members such as a Co-Director or Instructor, you can add them as Co-hosts here. This can be very beneficial as questions and inquiries can be addressed faster with more than one person managing the event page.



In your event description, you can also include the unique URL for each program week by following the steps below:

- 1. Visit invent.org/camp.
- 2. Click on the "Find A Camp Near Me" button at the top of the screen.
- 3. Enter your ZIP code to find your Camp Invention location.
- 4. Once you've found your camp location and program dates for week one, select the "Register/More Info" button. This will open your program listing.
- 5. Copy the entire web address from the top of your program listing (\*the URL should start with "http://inventweb.ungerboeck.com") and paste this link in your Event Description.
- 6. Repeat steps 4-5 for your second program week.



#### Click SAVE and PUBLISH EVENT.

Check out the information provided under "Promoting Your Facebook Event" to learn about the best ways to promote your Camp Invention Facebook Event and increase your registration numbers!

Please Note: Public and private questions, comments or concerns must always be answered in a timely manner. We ask that you always like and comment on the posts. This improves parent experiences substantially.

# PROMOTING YOUR FACEBOOK EVENT

#### Three tips to promote your Camp Invention Facebook Event.



#### **INVITE FRIENDS**

**Step 1:** After the event has been created, click on the "Invite" button.

**Step 2:** A list of all your Facebook friends will appear.

**Step 3:** We suggest selecting any of your friends with children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces who are old enough to attend the program and live within driving distance of the host site. Also, send it to friends who are active on social because they will love to spread the word!

**Step 4:** Once you have selected your friends who you would like to invite, click "Send Invites."



Step 1: Click on the "Share" button.

Step 2: You will see these options:

- Share as Post
- Send in Messenger
- ☐ Share to a Page
- A Share to a Group
- Share on a Friend's Timeline

**Step 3:** You can now share the event on your own Facebook timeline, on a friend's timeline, in a group where you're active or on a Facebook page you manage.

**Step 4:** Another option is to private message a friend letting them know about the event through Facebook Messenger, but we suggest publicly promoting the event rather than privately.



### **EMAIL/SHARE THE URL**

You can copy the URL of your Facebook Event and email it to the host school and other local organizations that would be willing to share the event on their Facebook page as their own post. Although the URL might seem long, you can assure them that once it is typed into the Status Box on Facebook (where you would share a status or photo), a preview will appear, and then the long URL can be deleted.

**Step 1:** Copy the information in this box at the top of your web browser:



https://www.facebook.com/events/578084279008171/

**Step 2:** Next, paste the URL into the Status Box and the preview of the event information will automatically appear. For example:



**Step 3:** Once the preview box appears, delete the long URL (the preview box will remain intact), replace it with a message inviting people to learn more and click "Post."

# SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS BEST PRACTICES

After you have created your Camp Invention Event page, and you have invited and shared it with all your friends in the local area, incorporate these best practices to ensure your Event page is a success.



#### **ALWAYS RESPOND**

While social media has brought the world into the palm of people's hands, people still use this platform for one-on-one, human interaction. Therefore, whenever a parent posts on your Event page's timeline, comments on a picture or sends a private message, it is important that you respond in a timely manner

Always comment on and "like" comments, pictures or any other post that a parent might share.

If a parent asks a question publicly or privately, always answer to the best of your ability. If it is a question that you do not know how to answer, suggest that they contact Camp Invention's Customer Relations Team at 800-968-4332, and visit our Parent Resource Center.

Please share any complaints with the Customer Relations Team by calling 800-968-4332.



#### **SHARE AND FOLLOW CAMP INVENTION**

Camp Invention is very active on social media. Please "follow" us and encourage friends, Program Team Members and others in the community to do the same. Links to Camp Invention's social media pages are listed below. Keep an eye out for shareable information.

- www.facebook.com/campinvention
- www.twitter.com/campinvention
- p www.pinterest.com/campinvention
- www.youtube.com/NationalInventors
  HallofFame\_NIHF

For your Facebook Event: The Camp Invention Facebook page will share numerous promo codes and program information throughout the year. You should share this content on your Event page because it presents an excellent opportunity to drive traffic to your page and increase enrollment! It is also a best practice to personally share the post and direct people to your Camp Invention Event page, where they can learn more about camp and register their child!

# SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS BEST PRACTICES



#### **USE THE CONTENT WE PROVIDE**

Posts: <u>Click here</u> to jump to the prewritten posts. This text is also perfect to use when you share the event publicly on your timeline, with your friends or on group pages!

Banners: <u>Click here</u> to download the Camp Invention social media banners designed by our creative department.

Images: <u>Click here</u> to jump to a select group of images that you can use with the prewritten social media posts provided below.



#### **PROMOTE SCHOLARSHIPS**

(If your Camp Invention location offers them)

This one is simple! If your location supplies scholarships, that is exciting information to share. It also catches the eyes of parents who might have initially been priced out of Camp Invention. We strongly suggest you share this publicly, outside of your event, as well. Be sure to include any details on the scholarships available, such as the total number available or if they must register by a specific date to be eligible, so potential attendees understand limitations.



#### **SHARE CAMP PICTURES**

(During the week and within a week after)

Parents want to see their kids having fun! Update your Event page with pictures of campers participating in the activities and when camp is over, post a collection of images for parents to view. This simple step goes a long way with parents of campers. (Note: Be sure to only take photos if the child has a signed photo release form.)



# HOST A FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST ABOUT YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM

Hosting a Facebook Live broadcast about your local Camp Invention program is a great way to build anticipation before your program begins. Follow the instructions provided <a href="here">here</a> to host a Facebook Live broadcast using your computer or mobile phone.



# JOIN LOCAL FACEBOOK GROUPS TO CONNECT WITH PARENTS AND OTHER EDUCATORS

You can join local Facebook groups for parents, educators or PTAs to help share information about your upcoming program with people in your community more directly. Look for potential groups to join on your Groups page on Facebook by selecting the "Discover" option.

You will be able to browse all of the Facebook groups that are suggested for you or that are popular near you. You can also browse groups by top categories, such as Education.

When you have found a group that you would like to join, click on the "Join Group" button underneath it. Some groups may use short questionnaires before allowing you to join to ensure that you are not a bot or spam account.

Once you have officially joined a group, be sure to follow the rules that have been posted by the group admins, as these rules can sometimes relate to what members may post to the group. Two types of content that you could potentially post in Facebook groups to begin sharing information about your upcoming program are sample social media posts provided <a href="here">here</a> or information about an upcoming or recent Facebook Live broadcast related to your program.

# SOCIAL IMAGES

Below you will find prewritten social media posts to promote your local Camp Invention program through your Facebook Event page, and personal and/ or school district social media profiles. Be sure to update the highlighted information to reflect your local program details.

To download an image to include with your social media post, you can click on an image below to download the individual file or click the button to download all social media images.

















**DOWNLOAD IMAGES** 

To download the assets, click the button above. Files should appear in your downloads folder — go to your downloads folder and locate the "social\_images" folder. Double-click to open the file and access the content. Save the files to your computer for use.

Please Note: Both Facebook and Twitter posts include the national Camp Invention page tag (@CampInvention). This allows viewers the ability to visit our page to learn more information before registering for your local program. To activate the tag, click on the tag and after pasting in the copy, the text will turn blue to confirm the tag is activated. You can use the Facebook posts included below to share your Facebook Event by copying and pasting the Event page URL into the post or by sharing the event from your News Feed. Social media posts and accompanying graphics are provided. We recommend that you include both text-only posts and posts with graphics when promoting your local Camp Invention program on social media.

# FACEBOOK POSTS

- Back by popular demand! [Site Name] will be hosting @CampInvention for TWO weeks of hands-on exploration from [Date] to [Date] and [Date] to [Date] for children entering grades K-6. Each week will include different STEM learning experiences for double the fun. Campers will take part in deep space exploration, unearthing ancient fossils, programming futuristic robots, designing superhero gadgets and more! Discover what's in store this summer and register today at invent.org/mylocalcamp.
- In the ALL-NEW Explore program at @CampInvention, children will get to design their own marble arcade, build an underwater habitat for their aquatic friend, explore space and discover different inventions that have transformed the way people create. Then, in the Supercharged program, young innovators will code and program futuristic robots, explore radio frequencies and unearth ancient fossils. Camp will be coming to Site Name this summer during the weeks of Date and Date. Register your rising K-6th grader for one or two weeks of fun at invent.org/mylocalcamp.
- Campers will gain confidence and discover the power of their imaginations at @Camplnvention! This summer, [Site Name] will be hosting TWO weeks of camp from [Date] to [Date] and [Date] to [Date]. During the first week, campers will get to design their own marble arcade, build an underwater habitat for their aquatic friend, explore space and discover different inventions that have transformed the way people create. In week two, campers will learn creative problem-solving skills while coding and programming futuristic robots, uncover ancient fossils, design high-tech superhero gadgets and explore radio frequencies! Secure your child's spot at invent.org/mylocalcamp.
- This summer, during the all-new Explore program at @CampInvention, children will jump into space missions and discover the science behind physics. Then, during the Supercharged program, they will embark on a research expedition and unearth ancient fossils. [Site Name] will host two weeks of camp from [Date] to [Date] and [Date] to [Date]. Register today at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

- This year will be the best summer ever with two action-packed weeks of @CampInvention at [Site Name]! We'll be hosting camp during the weeks of [Date] and [Date] for children entering grades K-6. Each week includes different hands-on STEM activities so your child can attend both sessions. Check out this preview of some of the fun, hands-on activities your kiddo will get to enjoy: https://youtu.be/ozX4K30N-Ww
  - In the weeklong Explore program at @CampInvention, children will dive into ocean research with their own aquatic friend. In the Supercharged program, campers will design superhero gadgets and disguises, explore the fields of engineering and fabrication, and take on the sinister villain, the Plagiarizer. Sign up for one or two full weeks of STEM fun at invent.org/mylocalcamp to attend camp at [Site Name] this summer.
- This summer, [Site Name] is excited to host two action-packed weeks of @CampInvention from [Date] to [Date]. During the Explore program, campers will zigzag through engineering as they design, build and test a mega marble arcade. During the exciting Supercharged program, children will code and program a robot, Bot-ANN-E, to take on duties and help turn a polluted wasteland into a fruitful farm and successful business. You can register your child for both weeks of fun at invent.org/mylocalcamp.
  - Let your child's imagination run wild as they explore space, create a mega marble arcade, design superhero gadgets and more at Camp Invention®. Returning this summer at [Site Name], we'll be hosting two weeks of camp from [Date] to [Date] and [Date] to [Date]. Each week of camp will include different, awesome activities. Sign up for double the fun today at invent.org/mylocalcamp.
  - Camp Invention® is back and better than ever this summer at [Site Name]! Sign up today to take advantage of these discounts for this coming year's @CampInvention programs! Register using [CODE] by [DATE] at invent.org/mylocalcamp to save [AMOUNT]. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to save an additional [AMOUNT] off week two!
  - Looking to save on next summer's @CampInvention registration? Don't miss a second of this year's bot building, space exploring, arcade designing or prototyping! Register using [CODE] by [DATE] at invent.org/mylocalcamp to save [AMOUNT]. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to save an additional [AMOUNT] off week two!

# TWITTER POSTS



The fun, hands-on activities at @CampInvention are just what children need this summer! [Site Name] will be hosting TWO weeks of #STEM experiences during the weeks of [Date] and [Date] for children entering grades K-6. Sign up today at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

£7 ♥ ♠



This year will be the best #summer ever with TWO weeks of @Camplountion at [Site Name]. We'll be hosting this fun, hands-on program during the weeks of [Date] and [Date] for students entering grades K-6. Sign up today for double the fun at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

**17 ♥** ♠



This summer at @CampInvention, children will build gadgets, learn about different ecosystems, engineering and more! [Site Name] will host two weeks of camp from [Date] to [Date] with different hands-on experiences each week. Register today: invent.org/mylocalcamp.

£7 ♥ **4** 



Camp Invention® is coming to [Site Name] for two weeks starting [Date]. Each week of #camp offers unique, hands-on #STEM experiences for your K-6th grader to use their creativity to invent amazing things to explore the world around them! Learn more at invent. org/mylocalcamp.

£7 ♥ **4** 



Let your child's imagination run wild as they blast off into outer space, reverse engineer robots, unearth fossils and more during the <a href="Miles Name">[Site Name</a>] @CampInvention program! Learn more: <a href="https://youtu.be/ozX4K30N-Ww">https://youtu.be/ozX4K30N-Ww</a>

£7 ♥ ♠



@CampInvention is back this summer! Campers will discover the power of their imaginations and bring their ideas to life. Everyone has the ability to invent something new! See the fun in action and register your K-6th grader for the <a href="Site Name">[Site Name</a>] camp today: <a href="invent.org/mylocalcamp">invent.org/mylocalcamp</a>

17 ♥ ◆



In the Explore and Supercharged programs at @CampInvention, children will design their own Spacepacks, adopt an aquatic friend, create superhero gadgets and more! Two weeks of #STEM fun is offered this summer at <a href="Site Name">[Site Name</a>. Learn more and register at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

13 W 6



Exciting news! Two weeks of @CampInvention are coming to [Site Name] from [Date] to [Date]. Children will design invention prototypes, build a robotic artist to make spin art, experiment with radio frequencies and more! See some of the fun in action: <a href="https://youtu.be/ozX4K30N-Ww">https://youtu.be/ozX4K30N-Ww</a>

£7 ♥ ♠



Reserve your spot for next year's @CampInvention and save! Register using [CODE] by [DATE] at invent.org/mylocalcamp to save [AMOUNT] off week one. Then, use the unique URL in your registration confirmation email to save an additional [AMOUNT] off week two! Don't miss out on bot building, space exploring, arcade designing or prototyping! invent.org/mylocalcamp

£7 ♥ ←

# LOCAL ADVERTISING

Advertising in local publications (both digital and print) is a great way to spread the word about Camp Invention. At NIHF, we have a dedicated marketing team that researches and secures ad placements in local camp guides, magazines and other promotional outlets, but we could always use your help!

#### **FREE ADVERTISING**

Keep an eye out for free advertising opportunities to utilize the web banners, logos and/or program write-ups provided in this guide to place free ads. Below is a list of locations to help get you started!

#### **Locations for Local Digital and Print Ads**

- Camp guides and directories
- Church bulletins
- Community magazines, newspapers or event guides
- Local newspaper websites
- Local park guides
- Local podcasts
- Local restaurants (placemats)
- Radio station websites (and on air!)
- School and district newsletters
- School event collateral (event programs, logos on scoreboards, halftime shout-outs, etc.)
- Parent and teacher organization newsletters

#### **PAID ADVERTISING**

Let your regional representative know if you have identified a reputable outlet for advertising — our team can take it from there!

## **LOCAL ADVERTISING**

#### **WEB BANNER ADS AND LOGOS**

Web banner ads are promotional tools we recommend placing on your school's website to promote the program. We recommend contacting your school or district technology coordinator to add a banner to the website.

You can also get web banner ads placed on local event websites in your area or any other digital ad opportunities you uncover. We recommend using the web banners but if space is minimal, you can use the Camp Invention logo and a program write-up, or just a logo works too!

You can click on the images below to download an individual file, or click the button to download all web banners and logos. If you need additional sizes, please contact <u>communications@invent.org</u>.

Be sure to direct any images you use to your program's unique registration page so families can easily sign up for your camp! We recommend directing images to your first camp week registration page because there is also information on the second week for parents to easily see. To find your registration link, please follow these steps:

- Visit invent.org/camp.
- Click on the "Find a Camp Near Me" button at the top of the screen.
- Enter your ZIP code to find your Camp Invention location.
- Once you've found your camp location, select the "Register/More Info" button. This will open your program listing.
- Copy the entire web address from the top of your program listing (the URL should start with "http://inventweb.ungerboeck.com") and use this link for your image.













**DOWNLOAD ASSETS** 

To download the assets, click the button above. Files should appear in your downloads folder — go to your downloads folder and locate the "local\_advertising\_combo" folder. Double-click to open the file and access the content. Save the files to your computer for use.

# CAMP INVENTION VIDEOS

Get parents and children amped for camp with our Camp Invention videos! Share the fun and exciting overview of each program on social media, in emails or share with your classroom! Click the images below to view the videos on YouTube.

#### **EXPLORE PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



#### SUPERCHARGED PROGRAM OVERVIEW



# SPECIAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Looking for extra fun ways to spread the word about Camp Invention? Check out the holiday calendar below featuring STEM activity blogs for another way to promote the hands-on fun of camp this summer.

These STEM activities are a great way for parents and educators to introduce concepts from camp including creative ways to spark children's confidence and imagination.

A few ideas to celebrate these special days and share the STEM activities:



Share the blog links on social media or send them directly to parents via email or text on the appropriate days



Include a short blurb with a link to the blog on school websites or any other homework/assignment sites that are used to communicate with parents



If your district is in person, you can print a copy of the activity and hand them out to students at school or other events

#### You can use the write-ups below to share the STEM activities.

Did you know it's [insert holiday/observance]? Check out this really cool activity [insert blog link] from the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF)—the makers of Camp Invention®, a fun K-6 STEM program we are running at [insert school/district name] this summer! Be sure to also check out camp, we'd love to see your child there!

Today is [insert holiday/observance]! Here's a super fun activity [insert blog link] to celebrate this special day. If your child loves the DIY, hands-on fun in this activity, be sure to check out Camp Invention®— an awesome K-6 STEM program we are hosting this summer at [insert school/district name].

Get ready to celebrate [insert holiday/observance] with this free, hands-on STEM activity for your innovator!
Looking for more DIY fun? This activity is from the makers of Camp Invention®—an innovative K-6 program coming to [insert school/district] this summer.
Check out invent.org/mylocalcamp to learn more, we'd love to create with your child this summer!

For additional STEM activities, we invite you to visit our blog.

## **SPECIAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

STEM ACTIVITIES FOR HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES



6 | National Technology Day Take Apart

**17 | Kid Inventors Day**Invent Something from Nothing



**Your 100th Day | 100th Day of School** 100th Day of School Activity

4 | Give Kids a Smile Day Smile Map

14 | Valentine's Day Valentine's Day Puns

**22 | International World Thinking Day** The Power of Mindset



3 | World Wildlife Day X-Ray Exploration

Wildlife Engineering Design Challenge

14 | Pi Day

Celebrate Pi Day with the National Inventors Hall of Fame

20 | First Day of Spring

Spring STEM Activities for the Whole Family



11 | National Submarine Day

Build a Model Submarine

21 | World Creativity and Innovation Day

**Creativity is PHENOMENAL!** 

22 | Earth Day

Ocean Clean-Up Device Celebrate Earth Day by Making a Rainbow



1-7 | National Pet Week
Celebrate Hug Your Hound Day

**6 | International Space Day** Solar-Powered Space Station



8 | World Oceans Day Sea-ing Your Way Across

21 | First Day of Summer Spin Your Way to Summer Fun

**21 | National Selfie Day** National Selfie Day

## **SPECIAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR**



**17 | National Ice Cream Day** STEM and Sweet Birthday Treat

**20 | Space Exploration Day**Space Exploration



19 | National Aviation Day Celebrate National Aviation Day



22 | First Day of Fall First Day of Fall

29 | World Heart Day Heart Racer



1 | National Coffee Day

**Coffee Compost** 

22 | Make a Difference Day

The Invention Superpower of Empathy

31 | Halloween

<u>Celebrate Halloween with STEM</u> Batty for Sound



8 | National STEM Day

Be A Solver Waking Up to Invention

13 | World Kindness Day

Brighten Someone's Day

24 | Thanksgiving

<u>Innovative Thanksgiving Trivia</u> <u>Turkey Target</u>



5-11 | Hour of Code Week

Purple, Pickle, Square...Coding is Everywhere

21 | First Day of Winter

Let it Snow...Indoors!
3 Easy STEM Activities

Email signatures are a quick and easy way to promote your local program every time you send an email. Below you will find suggested email signatures for Camp Invention, registration and discount deadlines. Be sure to update the highlighted information with your local program details and the discount deadlines found on page 4 of this guide.

## EMAIL SIGNATURES ABOUT CAMP INVENTION

Proud to be a [Director/Instructor/Camp Parent] for the [Site Name] Camp Invention® program! invent.org/mylocalcamp

I'm celebrating [Number] years of being a Camp Invention® [Director/Instructor/Camp Parent]! Sign up your young inventor for camp here: invent.org/mylocalcamp

Check out this year's Camp Invention® program, Explore, for your rising K-6th grader: <a href="invent.org/mylocalcamp">invent.org/mylocalcamp</a>

Register for Camp Invention® today and get your child ready to EXPLORE hands-on STEM fun this summer! <a href="mailto:invent.org/">invent.org/</a> mylocalcamp

Aquatic animals, outer space adventures and spinning art are all part of the fun at Camp Invention® this summer. Register today at invent.org/mylocalcamp

Join us for the best summer ever with TWO weeks of STEM fun! Register for Camp Invention® today at <a href="invent.org/">invent.org/</a> <a href="mailto:mylocalcamp">mylocalcamp</a>

This summer will be double the fun with two weeks of Camp Invention®! Register for the exciting, hands-on STEM program at <a href="mailto:invent.org/mylocalcamp">invent.org/mylocalcamp</a>

# EMAIL SIGNATURES ABOUT REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS

Sign up for Camp Invention® by [Date] and save \$[Amount] with the promo code [Code]! invent.org/mylocalcamp

Use the promo code [Code] by [Date] to save \$[Amount] on your Camp Invention® registration. invent.org/mylocalcamp

Don't miss \$[Amount] off your Camp Invention® registration!
Use [Code] by [Date] to save! invent.org/mylocalcamp

# EMAIL SIGNATURES ABOUT THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Spots for Camp Invention® at [Site Name] are filling fast! Sign up today to save your spot: invent.org/mylocalcamp

Time is running out! Sign up for Camp Invention® at [Site Name] by [Date] to save your spot. invent.org/mylocalcamp

Time is running out! Sign up for the [Site Name] Camp Invention® program by [Date] to save your spot. invent.org/mylocalcamp



#### CAMP INVENTION POSTER TEMPLATE

Once you download the poster template, type in your local program information and print this poster out on  $11^{\circ} \times 17^{\circ}$  paper for the best results. Cut along the vertical dotted lines at the bottom to make the tabs easy to pull off.

Hang this poster in school buildings, main offices, local libraries, grocery stores and any other high-traffic areas to help spread the word!

**DOWNLOAD POSTER** 

#### **CAMP INVENTION ZOOM BACKGROUNDS**

You can use these fun Zoom backgrounds for virtual classrooms or Zoom meetings!

Click on an image below to download a single Zoom background, or use the button below to download all Zoom backgrounds.

#### **DOWNLOAD BACKGROUNDS**

To download the assets, click the button above. Files should appear in your downloads folder — go to your downloads folder and locate the "Zoom\_backgrounds" folder. Double-click to open the file and access the content. Save the files to your computer for use.















#### **EXPLORE ACTIVITY SHEETS**

Print or digitally share the activity sheets provided below with your class for fun ways to introduce each 2022 program module, as well as a fun activity to complete in school or at home. Each sheet provides parents with additional information on each module and the experiences their children will take away by attending your local camp this summer.



<u>Download Marble Arcade</u> <u>Activity Sheets</u>



<u>Download Robotic Aquatics</u> <u>Activity Sheets</u>



Download Spacecation Activity Sheets



Download NIHF's The Attic
Activity Sheets

#### **UTILIZING LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS TO PROMOTE YOUR PROGRAM**

Why contact your local media about Camp Invention? Because camp is a fun and uplifting local story that will interest reporters! Contacting your local media prior to camp can lead to increased registrations for your location, and news coverage from the weeks of camp will inspire parents to sign up for future programs and encourage kids in your area to become interested in innovation. Here are tips on how to locate and contact your local media, and how to respond when reporters interview you.

#### **DIGITAL EXPLORE FLYER**

The digital Explore flyer was created as a replacement for the print flyers used in previous years to allow you to share without the need to print or send along in folders. We recommend using this digital flyer in emails, on your school website, on local sites and anywhere you believe will help promote the program to those who want to learn more about Camp Invention.

#### There are three ways you can share the digital flyer:

- 1. When reaching out to parents about Camp Invention, copy and paste the URL, http://experience.invent.org/, in your email message.
- 2. Choose the image below to download and place it into your email copy for a fun way to make the flyer link stand out. Just be sure to note in the email that they need to click on the image to access the flyer.
  - a. How to link an image in email:
    - i. Insert the image by clicking insert > image and selecting the image.
    - ii. Right click the image in the email and select "link."
    - iii. In the address box, add <a href="http://experience.invent.org/">http://experience.invent.org/</a> and click OK.



i. Insert the image by selecting "Insert photo."







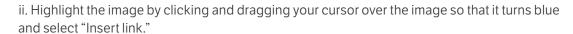












iii. In the address box, add <a href="http://experience.invent.org/">http://experience.invent.org/</a> and click OK.















Note: If your image auto-populates with a different link, be sure to select "change link," add http://experience.invent.org/ in the address box and click OK.

Go to link: http://LINK.jpg (Change) Remove



iv. Be sure to keep the "text to display" textbox blank.



**AN ACTION-PACKED** 

**FOR GRADES K-6** 

3. Click on the banners below to download an individual file or click the button to download all web banners. These banners can be placed on your school website or other local websites. Just make sure when placing these banners that you let them know to link the image to <a href="http://experience.invent.org/">http://experience.invent.org/</a>. If you need additional sizes, please contact <a href="mailto:communications@invent.org">communications@invent.org</a>.





**DOWNLOAD ALL BANNERS** 

# THANK YOU

for your support and inspiring children in your community through the experience of Camp Invention!

