



Camp Invention®

## CAMP INVENTION FACT SHEET

### RESOURCES

Camp Invention  
[www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org)  
@CampInvention

National Inventors  
Hall Of Fame  
[www.invent.org](http://www.invent.org)  
@InventorsHOF

United States Patent  
& Trademark Office  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)  
@USPTO

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Camp Invention Website](http://Camp Invention Website)

[National Inventors  
Hall of Fame Website](http://National Inventors<br/>Hall of Fame Website)

[Collegiate Inventors  
Competition Website](http://Collegiate Inventors<br/>Competition Website)

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### CAMP INVENTION OVERVIEW

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem-solving and the spirit of innovation. The curriculum is developed through a partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is inspired by National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees and Finalists of the Collegiate Inventors Competition. Camp Invention's curriculum for 2016 is called Epic™ and it immerses students in hands-on activities in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Local programs are facilitated and taught by educators who reside and teach in those communities.

### BECOME A SPONSOR

Join our commitment to the curious minds and innovative spirits of the past, present and future. Please contact us at [donate.invent.org](http://donate.invent.org) if you are interested in more information about sponsoring the National Inventors Hall of Fame or Camp Invention.

### CAMP INVENTION BACKGROUND

Created by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem-solving and the spirit of invention.

- Partners with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Collegiate Inventors Competition to create curriculum inspired by world-renowned inventors.
- Last year, Camp Invention held over 1,400 camps, helping inspire the next generation of innovators in over 94,000 children.
- Sponsors help Camp Invention inspire children.  
For a full list of sponsors, including government support, [click here](#).

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- This year's program, Epic™, immerses elementary school children in exciting hands-on activities that will harness their curiosity, inspire creativity and evoke a sense of accomplishment.
- The Epic™ curriculum features five energetic and fun-filled modules that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities such as:

**The Lab:  
Where Pigs Fly™**  
Where pigs fly and anything is possible! As an Imagination Scientist you will conduct experiments, explore the Demolition Lab, the Slime Lab, the Aqua Lab and the Party Lab!

**Camp Invention  
Games™**  
Campers practice teamwork, problem-solving and coordination skills in these fun, energetic games. This module boosts self confidence and encourages strategic thinking while building 21st century skills.

**I Can Invent:  
Maker Studio™**  
Take apart machines and devices to uncover the parts, pieces and miniature inventions that you will use to make big innovations. Freestyle invent from scratch or spin the Innovation Wheel to receive a video challenge from our National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees and Collegiate Inventors Competition Gold Prize Winners. Explore the science of 3D printing and tinker with circuits to get your gears moving in a new direction to make the Next Big Thing!

**CrickoBot™**  
Make and adopt your very own robotic cricket, fueled by a solar cell. Life as a cricket requires big ideas to outsmart eight-legged motorized predators. Campers will work in teams to cross the big backyard puddle using tire swings and trampolines to shut off a water hose. Then campers will use the science of music and build a larger-than-life set of wings to play your own unique cricket song and challenge friends to a CrickoBot Chirp-Off! Tunnel into a whole new world this summer in CrickoBot.

**Epic Park™**  
Angel Investor and Ed Venture have just purchased Epic Park, a massive island with rainforest areas, raised cliffs and rolling hills that lead to the ocean. They need innovative thinkers to help pitch their most cutting-edge designs for the future of Epic Park. Campers will sketch up their best blueprints and clean green energy designs that will win over Angel and Ed for the chance to be Epic Park co-owners and operators!

### PARTICIPATION

- Camp Invention is designed for children entering grades 1-6.
- The staff-to-child ratio is 1:8.
- Register by May 10th to save \$15 with code SPRING.
- Registration fees vary by location.

# CAMP INVENTION SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

Let your social circle know about Camp Invention.

Like Camp Invention on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/CampInvention](http://www.facebook.com/CampInvention)

Hashtags to Use: #CampInvention  
Follow: @InventorsHOF

## SAMPLE FACEBOOK POSTS

This year's program, Epic™, immerses elementary school children in exciting hands-on activities that will harness their curiosity, inspire creativity and evoke a sense of accomplishment. Learn more about the @Camp Invention curriculum here:

[campinvention.org/2016-program](http://campinvention.org/2016-program).

The 2016 @Camp Invention program is themed "Epic" and was developed by some of our nation's most brilliant minds including experienced educators, Inductees of the @National Inventors Hall of Fame and members of the @United States Patent and Trademark Office: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

The @Camp Invention Epic™ curriculum features five energetic and fun-filled modules that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities, which will empower your creative thinker and further inspire them to innovate and solve problems! Find a camp in your area here: [bit.ly/192Q7dd](http://bit.ly/192Q7dd)

## WHO TO FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**Camp Invention**  
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(@CampInvention)

## SAMPLE TWEETS

Your child will have an Epic summer with our 2016 program! #CampInvention [campinvention.org/2016-program](http://campinvention.org/2016-program). Turn on the creativity with problem-solving and investigation. It's the Epic program at @CampInvention!

Does your child like to build and design big ideas? The @CampInvention I Can Invent: Maker Studio might be their favorite module yet!

Give your child a fun, hands-on experience with @CampInvention. Register and create possibilities. Visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) for more info.

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## NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

- Established in 1973 to honor the individuals who conceived, patented and advanced the great technological achievements since the birth of our nation.
- The Hall of Fame is located in Alexandria, Virginia on the campus of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a founding partner of the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF).
- A part of Invent Now, Inc., the National Inventors Hall of Fame maintains an annual tradition of selecting Inductees through a process that accepts nominations from all sources and relies on a panel of experts in the fields of science, technology, engineering and patents to screen, vet and make final selections.
- The criteria for Induction into the Hall of Fame requires candidates to hold a United States Patent that has contributed significantly to the nation's welfare and the advancement of science and useful arts.

## COLLEGIATE INVENTORS COMPETITION

- The Collegiate Inventors Competition is a national competition that recognizes innovations, discoveries and research by college and university students and their faculty advisors. Since the 1990s this competition has recognized and awarded more than \$1 million to undergraduate and graduate students who are committed to addressing the problems of today's world.
- The Competition specifically recognizes and rewards the innovations and discoveries by college and university students and their advisors for projects leading to inventions that may have the potential of receiving patent protection.
- Finalists receive a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to network with National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) officials and other key innovation experts.