



## 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 2017 is called Launch 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 certified 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](mailto:donate@invent.org) if you are interested in more information about sponsoring the National Inventors Hall of Fame or Camp Invention.

## CAMP INVENTION BACKGROUND

- 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 1,546 camps, helping inspire the next generation of innovators in more than 130,000 children.
- Sponsors help Camp Invention inspire children.  
For a full list of sponsors, including government support, [click here](#).

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- This year's program, Launch, immerses elementary school children in exciting hands-on activities that will harness their curiosity, inspire creativity and evoke a sense of accomplishment.
- The Launch curriculum features four energetic and fun-filled modules that incorporate STEM activities such as:

### Duct Tape Billionaire™

As DIY duct tape experts, children design products they can market and sell. They explore how to create duct tape accessories and then put their own patented spin on them. They build inventory, get ready to take some risks, and create a start-up business that will put their products in high demand.

### Have A Blast™

Teams compete in friendly air battles and use physics to boost their advantage. Children build and take home their own high-tech Bubble Blaster, complete with flashing lights. They engineer an enormous cardboard castle, design "snowball" throwers, make a giant air cannon, launch water rockets and fling rubber chickens.

### Mission Space Makers™

Participants are on a mission to locate and prepare a new planet for human habitation. They terraform a distant new exoplanet - designing inventions to transform its atmosphere, terrain and ecosystem to create the next Earth. They set up a Space Lab to hatch eggs, sprout living plants and grow crystals.

### Operation Keep Out™

Children take apart machines and devices, and use their pieces and parts to create the ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box to keep their treasures secure. During the week, they figure out how to read a note written in invisible ink to find a missing tool, use spy glasses to catch a toy thief and discover that both spies and engineers write in secret codes!

## PARTICIPATION

- Camp Invention is designed for children entering grades K-6.
- The staff-to-child ratio is 1:8.
- Register by May 1 to save \$15 with code DISCOVER15
- Registration fees vary by location.

## RESOURCES

Camp Invention  
[www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org)  
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# CAMP INVENTION SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

Let your social circle know about Camp Invention!

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Hashtag to Use: #CampInvention  
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## SAMPLE FACEBOOK POSTS

Camp Invention's new program, Launch, allows campers to experience real-world problem solving and creative thinking! From blasting off to the nearest exoplanet to launching the next start-up business, children experience the power of their ideas being launched into reality. Learn more about the 2017 curriculum here: [campinvention.org/2017-program](http://campinvention.org/2017-program)

In Battle Blast™, an all-new 2017 Camp Invention activity, children fling, fly and float their way through high-energy air challenges. They even take home their own high-tech Bubble Blaster, complete with flashing lights! Find a program location near you: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

The @CampInvention Launch curriculum, inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, features four 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: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

## SAMPLE TWEETS

Your child will become a DIY dynamo at @CampInvention this summer! Secure their spot today: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

Build air cannons & fling rubber chickens in this year's all-new @CampInvention program, Launch! Register today: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

Campers are on a mission to prepare a new planet for human habitation this summer @CampInvention! Secure their spot today: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

Secure your child's #CampInvention spot so he/she can see what's emerging from our exoplanet eggs! Register: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

Design inventions, learn through hands-on #STEM activities & build skills during challenges @CampInvention! Register: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

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## NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

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 STEM and innovation-focused 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 the generations to come. This belief is what drives our mission: to recognize inventors and invention, celebrate our country's rich, innovative history, inspire creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

## COLLEGIATE INVENTORS COMPETITION

The Collegiate Inventors Competition was founded in 1990 to encourage and drive innovation and entrepreneurship at the collegiate level. This competition recognizes and awards students engaged in cutting-edge research and discovery. Over the past 27 years, in partnership with our sponsors, we have awarded more than \$1 million to 183 of the country's most innovative collegiate students.