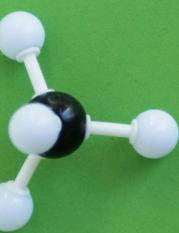
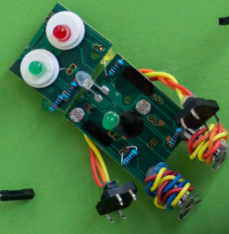
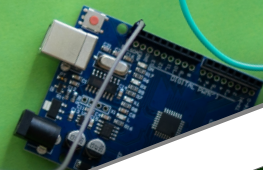
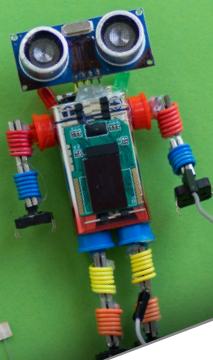
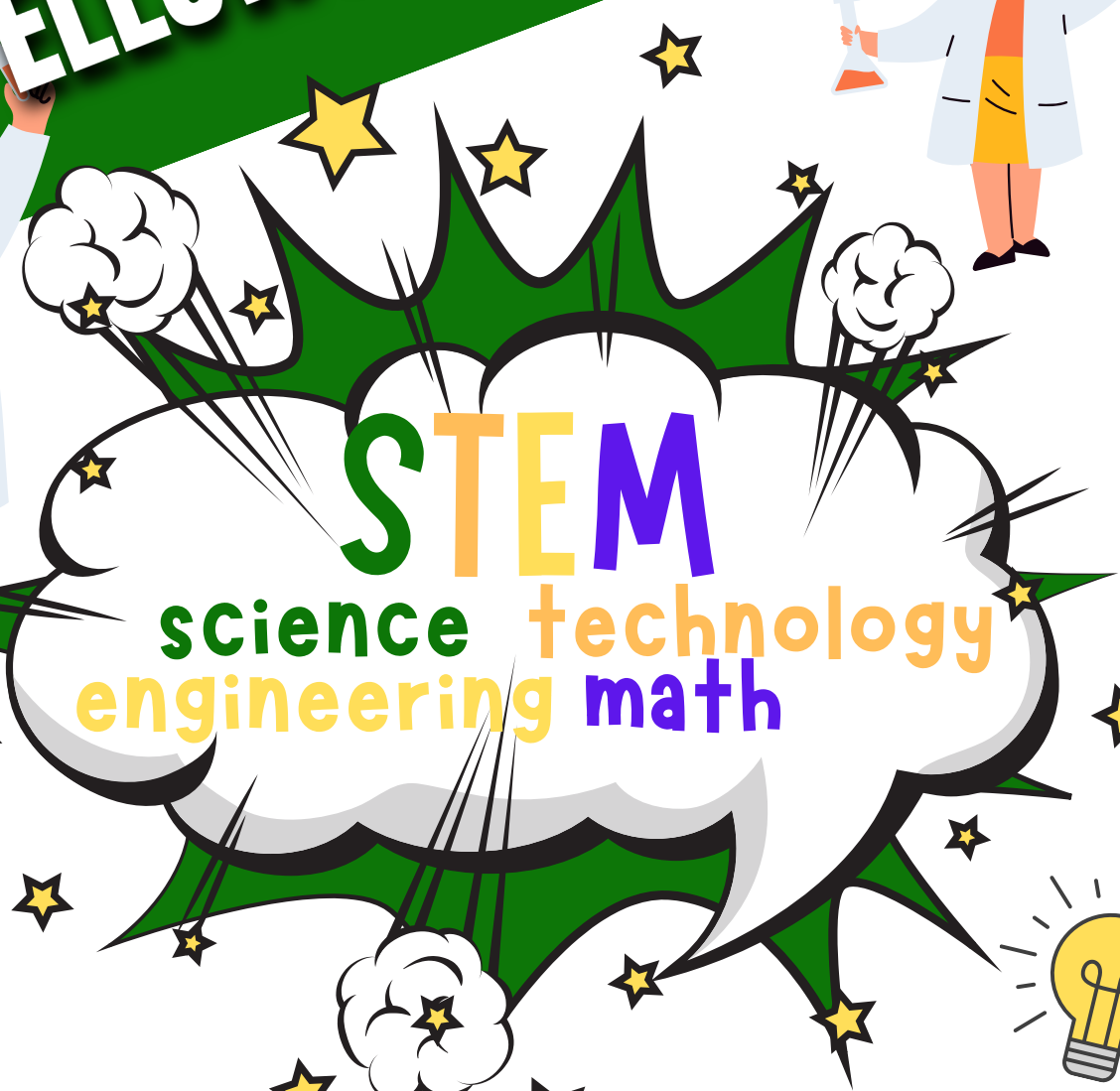




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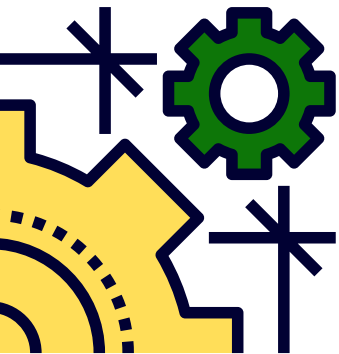


CAMP INVENTION ELLSWORTH COUNTY



STEM

science technology
engineering math



How it all began...



keri
whorton



sierra
whorton

Every good idea starts with a story, and Keri's personal journey created the motivation and inspiration to bring this STEM Camp to Ellsworth County and the surrounding area.

Keri's story begins in Ellsworth, where she grew up and graduated from Ellsworth High School. A discovery journey into her professional career landed her at Raytheon, where she grew her passion for process improvement and change management.

Keri's professional and personal road took an unexpected and life-changing pivot in 2017, when she suffered a brain aneurysm, stroke, and heart attack, right here in Ellsworth, Kansas. Her life was forever altered as she faced a long road to recovery.

The summer following Keri's aneurysm was fraught with new challenges as Keri and her husband Marion struggled to balance their family life with recovery and workload. It was then that Keri discovered an opportunity for Sierra. Camp Invention was offering a summer camp of STEM learning opportunities that seemed to be a way to occupy time in an educational environment. Little did Keri and Sierra know that Camp Invention would ignite a fire for STEM learning and the opportunities that come from developing these skills at a young age.

Keri's 5 year anniversary of recovery inspired her "give-back" to the community that enveloped her during her trials, and to those gifted healing hands that set her on the road to recovery. After all, it was STEM learning that gifted the doctors' healing hands and set her on the road to recovery. Keri is the inspiration and Director for Camp Invention.

THE PROGRAM



**CELEBRATING
50 YEARS!**

NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

Inspiring Innovation in America

The mission of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® is to recognize inventors, promote creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Camp Invention is only one of many programs developed by the National Inventors Hall of Fame to promote their mission. Camp Invention is a confidence-boosting STEM summer camp where kids build creative inventions and lasting friendships. Led by qualified local educators, camps offer new and exciting hands-on activities every year.

Everything National Inventors Hall of Fame does — from Induction events to invention education programs to inspiring competitions — is fueled by their dedication to a shared mission: to recognize inventors, promote creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

2022

286,000
children

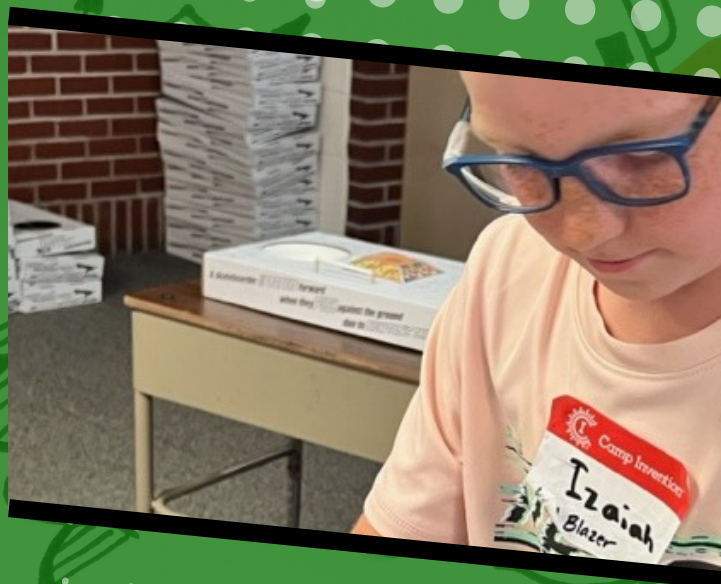
23,000
educators

2,500
partners

http://

www.invent.org

WHAT KIDS SAY



My creative mindset got to be endless!

We got to open up things and see how they worked!

I loved everything! I learned how to have a creative mindset!

I had so much fun creating! I can't wait until next summer!



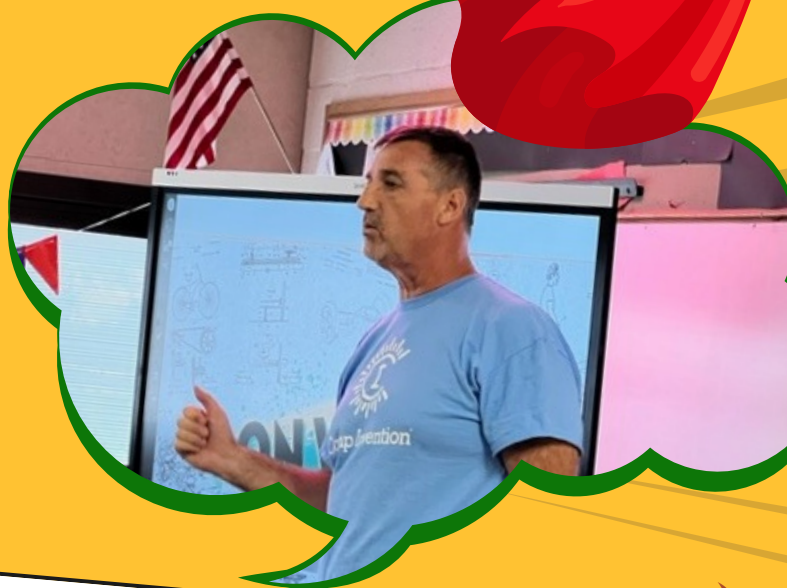
**EDUCATORS
ARE A KEY
INGREDIENT!**

THE REAL SUPERHEROS

SARAH RICHARD, 2022



STEVE BOLTON, 2023



Camp Invention allows children to gain background knowledge about inventions around them, and then encourages them to create for themselves through exploration and experimentation. It's hands-on learning at its best! - Danielle Kasper

ALL EDUCATORS ARE EQUAL SUPERHEROES....

SARAH RICHARD

BEKAH TRIPP

LOUISE BLANDING

DANIELLE KASPER

TENILLE JONES

SABRINA BOURBON

STEVE BOLTON

CARRIE HAMMYE



Teachers are compensated with a stipend and Continuing Education Units



MORE FROM OUR EDUCATORS

BEKAH TRIPP

In my classroom during the school year we do almost all project based learning, but camp invention goes a step further and gives them so many resources and the time to really get creative. It couples so well with the students state standards but expands and shows the campers inventors who took an idea and made it into something new and amazing. This year I have been able to especially focus on the arts, it has been incredible!

STEVE BOLTON

I've really enjoyed seeing how creative the kids have been. It's really cool to see even the kindergartners and first graders and what all that they can do when given the materials. some of the projects make me excited so much that I want to share them and show them off to other teachers. It's great to see kids turn off the screen and just become creative.

CARRIE HAMMYE

Camp invention is a wonderful place for kids to creatively pursue their ideas. Students get insight and information with a little bit of structure, but they also have the opportunity to implement their own ideas and find creative solutions to problems. There is a lot of laughter. There is a lot of discussion between students. And there is a lot of laughter and play. The students begin to think of themselves as inventors and scientists and mathematicians. They begin to understand that failure can actually lead to success if they continue to problem solve and collaborate. Camp invention is giving these kids a unique opportunity to sample thoughts and ideas they might never have considered before! What a great program!





TEAMWORK MAKES THE

DREAMWORK!

leaders in training & interns

Grades 7-12+ assist with keeping the day on track, organization, and wrangling the chaos, while building and innovating alongside the campers! Interns receive community service hours from the US Trademark & Patent Office!



Feeding the Children of Central Kansas & volunteers

Meals were provided by the summer lunch program & no camp runs without amazing volunteers!



Sponsors, Generous Community Supporters & Grant funds!

scholarships are provided to assist with the cost of the camp!



SMOKY HILLS
community
foundation

THE IMPACT

ELLSWORTH COUNTY 2023



105 CAMPERS AGES K-6

- 12 6TH GRADE
- 18 5TH GRADE
- 18 4TH GRADE
- 17 3RD GRADE
- 21 2ND GRADE
- 15 1ST GRADE
- 4 KINDERGARTEN



13 LEADERS IN TRAINING

4 INTERNS

6 EDUCATORS

5 PARENT VOLUNTEERS



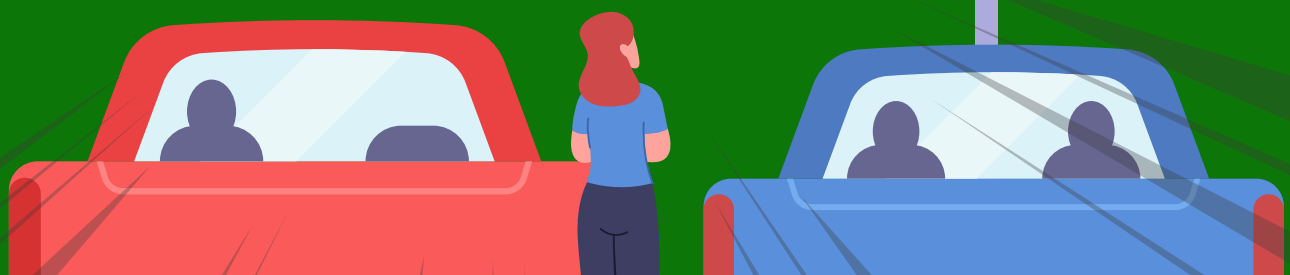
DON'T MISS OUT ON MORE STEM FUN!

WHAT'S NEXT?

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
6PM
NO ADMITTANCE FEE**



STEM *Drive* **AT THE DRIVE IN!**



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