

Thursday, March 29, 2012

West Allis Common Council,

I am contacting you to see if there is any way the West Allis Common Council would be willing to help the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee.

I am a teacher at Hoover Elementary School and working with Becky Bzdak, our districts head (GCT) Gifted, Talented and Creative Teacher. Here is a brief synopsis of what we are working on:

This summer we are running a Camp Invention program out of Wilson Elementary School. This program is geared towards enrichment in the area of Science and Inquiry. It is a week long program full of fun and excitement!

This program is a bit expensive and we are looking for any West Allis community groups that would be willing to make a donation to provide scholarships for children that may not be able to afford the entire program, but would certainly benefit from being involved.

Attached in this packet you will find more detailed information about the program and the ways in which you could help.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel to contact me with any questions.

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Sponsor Benefits

\$1,000 Sponsorship Level

- Corporate/foundation logo* on local sponsor banners displayed at each program site
- Corporate/foundation listing on the Camp Invention Web site
- Name recognition in the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation Annual Report
- Invitation to visit a Camp Invention program
- Corporate/foundation listing on local participant letters
- Camp Invention T-shirt
- Corporate/foundation mention at Inventor's Showcase program
- Camp Invention sponsor decal

\$500 Sponsorship Level

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\$250 Sponsorship Level

- Corporate/foundation listing on local participant letters
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\$100 Sponsorship Level

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- Camp Invention sponsor decal

*In order to serve you better and protect the integrity of your company, please submit your logo in 300 dpi (minimum) in one of the following formats: *Freehand (.fhd)*; *Illustrator (.ai)*; *.eps*; *.tif* ; *.jpg*



March 2012

Dear Potential Sponsor,

Will you help instill a passion for science, mathematics, innovation, and ingenuity in our children?

Research has shown that it's imperative to engage students' interest in science and math before the 4th grade. The Camp Invention program's curriculum incorporates science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) principles. For 20 years, it has provided children with the opportunity to learn, develop, and use problem-solving and inventive-thinking skills (disguised as fun) through hands-on activities.

Camp Invention is a nationally recognized program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing and recognizing our inventive spirit.

On June 18, 2012, Wilson Elementary School will host the *Camp Invention* program. Unfortunately, there are children in our community who would benefit greatly from this experience but lack the financial means to participate. You can change this by providing scholarships so these deserving children are not left behind.

The base scholarship cost of the week-long program is \$215 per child, which covers all programmatic expenses. **There is no cost to the school, district, or teachers!** Your donation will provide partial and/or full scholarships and will help foster the inventive spirit in a child.

Since 1990, more than 435,000 children across the United States have taken part in this exciting program. The Camp Invention curriculum is created by professionals and overseen by an Education Advisory Council composed of nationally recognized experts in the field of education. The curriculum aligns with national and state standards. Most importantly, the program is taught by local, certified teachers.

Teachers report that they also benefit from the Camp Invention program by participating in training sessions to familiarize themselves with inquiry-based learning techniques, which they may implement in their own classrooms to make learning more exciting and engaging!

In closing, we appreciate your kind consideration of this request. Please know that your support will have a long-lasting and far-reaching impact on the lives of the children you sponsor. On behalf of these children – thank you!

Sincerely,

Becky Bzdak
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P.S. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please make checks payable to "Camp Invention." To ensure that your donation will benefit your community, please use the enclosed remittance envelope.



For over 20 years, the non-profit Camp Invention program has partnered with 10,000+ schools and organizations to provide meaningful, out-of-school-time enrichment that instills creative problem solving and teamwork through the hands-on application of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

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The Camp Invention program presents children with real-world challenges, allowing them to solve problems through engaging hands-on investigation, experiments and engineering. Designed to foster higher levels of learning and to reinforce past school-year learning, while preparing your students for the coming year.