



INVENT THE SUMMER

Summer Invention Challenge



Identify a Problem



Invent a Solution



Enter the Contest

CONTEST

DEADLINE:

SEPT 2, 2019

@ 11:59pm EST

1. Identify a Problem: Look around your house or community and identify a problem. It can be serious or silly. It can be a really big problem, like too much plastic in the ocean, or a really small problem, like a messy bedroom. Maybe a solution already exists but it's not good enough or it's too expensive. Maybe a solution really should exist, but it just doesn't.

2. Invent a Solution: Start by brainstorming different ways you could solve this problem. The solution can be a digital or physical product. You're an inventor now, so you'll need to use your imagination. Sketch or prototype a few of your favorite ideas until you find one you like. Now build, test, fail, learn, refine and rebuild until the problem is solved. Take your time. Great inventions don't happen in a day! That's why we're giving you all summer.

3. Enter our Contest: Create a video of your awesome invention and enter it into our contest by Monday, September 2nd. Try to keep your video under 3-minutes long and include the following:

- The name of your invention
- What does it do? What problem does it solve?
- What challenges did you face along the way?
- What is your favorite thing about your invention?
- What was the biggest lesson you learned?

Remember, your video will be visible to anyone with an internet connection, so it's important to protect your privacy and stay safe. [Click here](#) to see our video submission and safety tips.

5 Winners and Prizes!

1 Grand Prize Winner: Selected by a panel of *Invent the Summer* judges. Inventions will be judged on originality, execution and usefulness. The winner will receive our grand prize: a Makey Makey, and an *Invent the Summer* Prize Pack (an inventor's toolbox filled with tools and materials for aspiring inventors, an inventor's log and an *Invent the Summer* T-shirt or drawstring bag).

3 Honorable Mention Winners: Selected by the same panel of judges using the same criteria listed above. Honorable mention winners will receive an *Invent the Summer* prize pack.

1 Popular Choice Winner: All approved* videos will be posted from Sept 3-8, 2019 for voting. The video with the most votes will win an *Invent the Summer* prize pack.

*All submitted videos will be reviewed prior to publishing online to ensure that the rules of the contest were followed and that the content is appropriate for all ages.