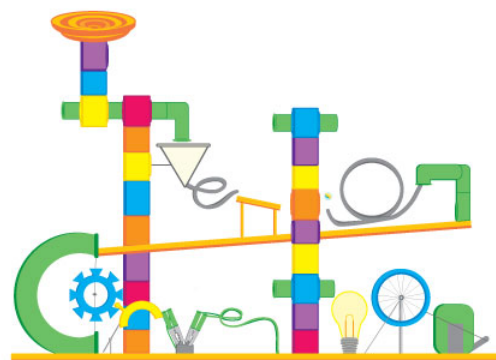


2018 BINGHAMTON REGIONAL INVENTION CONVENTION

Binghamton Imaginink in connection with the Central New York Patent Law Association (CNYPLA) is conducting an invention education program open to all students in grades K-8 in both public and private schools. This program is intended to teach children how to invent and to increase awareness and appreciation of the importance of invention in the United States.

To participate in this program, the student is invited to develop a new idea for a device or a new method for doing something. The student is asked to think of a problem they have encountered, or know of, and to come up with an idea for a device or method to solve the problem. The problem to be solved can occur anywhere, such as in the classroom, in the home or even during play.



The student should describe his or her invention by filling out one of the attached invention disclosure forms. These forms can be photocopied if more forms are required. The invention disclosure should include a description of the problem and how the student solved it. There is room on the back of the invention disclosure form for the student to make a simple sketch or diagram of the invention. The form must be signed by the student and the parent or legal guardian on the signature line, on the bottom back of the disclosure form. Send the completed form(s) to Center for Technology & Innovation, Inc. at the address given on the back of the disclosure.

As a first step, students need only describe their invention in writing, not actually build it. Participants will be invited to make a non-working model of their invention for display. The place, time and day will be sent in an individual letter to the students. Thirty students will receive awards for their prototypes and 25 participants will be awarded based on the disclosure submitted. Students should make individual efforts, preferably not a team effort with other students.

Please explain the attached disclosure form to your students and send the form home with the student.

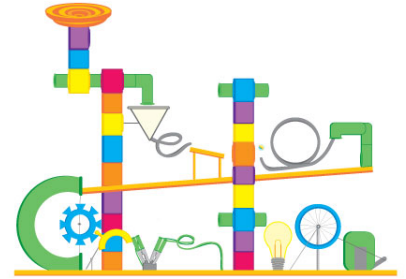
SCHEDULE

January 2018	Teacher and Students receive disclosure forms. Teachers explain the Student Invention Convention program to their students and pass out disclosure forms.
February 28, 2018	Deadline for submitting completed invention disclosure forms.
Early May 2018	Students will receive letters confirming the date, time and location of the 2018 Invention Convention
June 16, 2018	Prototypes of their inventions will be displayed and 25 NYS Finalists will be recognized for their ideas submitted in the disclosure.

For more information go to <http://www.imaginink.org/> or contact us at inventodavinci@gmail.com

2018 Invention Convention Disclosure

Website: www.imaginink.org



How to Become an Inventor:

- 1) Think of a problem.
- 2) Come up with a way to fix the problem. (Solution)
- 3) Make a drawing of the solution. (Diagram)
- 4) Fill out both sides of this sheet and send in to the address in the back by the **deadline, Feb 28, 2018**.
- 5) Make a prototype of the solution (does not have to be a working solution) by **June 16, 2018** to display at the **Invention Convention at Binghamton University**.

Name of Inventor _____

Title of Invention _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ School _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Teacher e-mail _____

Problem: _____

Solution: _____

Send Disclosures to:

**Invention Convention
Center for Technology & Innovation, Inc.
321 Water Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
Phone (607) 231-6991
Deadline: February 28th**

Diagram

To the best of my knowledge, I am the first and sole inventor of the invention described herein.

Student Inventor's Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

I understand that my child's invention is not legally protected by this disclosure and that, if such protection is desired in the U.S., a patent application must be submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) within one year of the date that the invention is publicly disclosed. Within this one-year period, I will seek the aid of an attorney or agent registered to practice before the USPTO if I decide to pursue legal protection for the invention. If legal protection outside the U.S. is desired for this invention then I will consult a patent professional before my child's invention is submitted under the Invention Convention Program.

I also agree to indemnify and hold Binghamton Imaginink, CNYPLA, and their officers, members and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, cost and expenses, including attorney's fees related to any action involving the loss of patent or other intellectual property law rights in my child's invention and/or (II) my child's participation in the Invention Convention program.

I further agree that Binghamton Imaginink may use my child's invention, name and photograph to publicize the Invention Convention program.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Please Print Name: _____ Cell/Home Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Mailing Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's or Guardian's E-mail: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Student Invention disclosures **will not** be considered under the Invention Convention without the signatures of the Student **and** the signature of Student's parents or guardian (not the teacher). More information about patents may be found by visiting the USPTO web site at <http://www.uspto.gov>