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COOPER HEWITT DESIGN CAMP AT HOME CONFIRMATION MATERIALS

Thank you for registering for Design Camp at Home. Please read through the Design Camp at Home policies and confirmation materials carefully to ensure each camper is prepared for their virtual week(s) of camp.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Three-day live-instruction sessions. Live instruction will be facilitated via Zoom by a Cooper Hewitt educator on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each one-week session*. Registration and participation commitment is for all three days. Self-guided projects are available on Tuesday and Thursday. Office hours are available on Thursday of every one-week session, should your child(ren) have additional questions.

*Note that “DIY: Zine-Making for Young Designers” includes a special workshop on Thursday, July 15 from 10–11:00 a.m. EST.

SESSION DATES AND TIMES

DIY: ZINE-MAKING FOR YOUNG DESIGNERS | JULY 12–16

Ages | 11–13

Times | 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EST

Dates | Monday, July 12, Wednesday, July 14 and Friday, July 16.

*Please note that this one-week session includes a special one-hour workshop on Thursday, July 15th from 10–11:00 a.m. with experts from Adobe.

TROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS: A YOUNG SCIENTIST’S FIELD GUIDE TO PANAMA | JULY 19–23

Ages | 9–11

Times | 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EST

Dates | Monday, July 19, Wednesday, July 21 and Friday, July 23

ON THE ROAD: DESIGN ACROSS AMERICA | JULY 26–30

Ages | 9–11

Times | 1:00–3:00 p.m. EST

Dates | Monday, July 26, Wednesday, July 28 and Friday, July 30

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MISSION TO MARS | AUGUST 2-6

Ages | 7-9

Times | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST

Dates | Monday, August 2, Wednesday, August 4 and Friday, August 6

INDIGENOUS INNOVATIONS | AUGUST 9-13

Ages | 7-9

Times | 1:00-3:00 p.m. EST

Dates | Monday, August 9, Wednesday, August 11 and Friday, August 13

ABSENCES AND CANCELATIONS

Please inform Design Camp staff at lismanm@si.edu if your camper will miss a day. If your child(ren) is unable to attend a session, please contact the Design Camp Director at designcamp@cooperhewitt.zendesk.com to cancel your registration at least three days prior to the first day of camp.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE FIRST DAY

- Ensure you have access to WiFi
- Ensure you have the materials listed below
- Review our behavior policy
- Check that you are able to access the DropBox account. An invitation was sent to the email address(es) included in your registration form.

MATERIALS

DIY: ZINE-MAKING FOR YOUNG DESIGNERS | JULY 12-16

1. Campers will need two devices to participate in this one-week session—a laptop/desktop and a handheld device—smartphone (Android or iPhone) or iPad.
2. Campers should have the ability to access the Google Play Store or App Store on their device to download all three apps listed above. We suggest downloading all three apps prior to your first day of camp.
3. Scrap paper and a writing tool

MATERIALS FOR ALL REMAINING CAMP WEEKS

Over the course of this one-week session, campers will have the option to design and build 3-dimensional prototypes. If your camper is interested in prototyping, we suggest that you start to collect materials from around your home. Please note that campers will have the option to build more than one prototype. When collecting materials, ensure that you have what you need for a few different designs. Materials can include but are not limited:

1. Scissors



2. Paper
3. Tape (masking)
4. Pipe cleaners
5. Construction paper
6. Tissue paper
7. String
8. Craft sticks
9. Clean recyclables such as cardboard (any kind) paper towel rolls, food wrappers, packages, boxes, caps, bottles, newspapers, and magazines
10. Colored pencils, colored markers and/or crayons
11. Scrap paper and a writing tool
12. Any material that isn't already in use, especially if it will go into the trash otherwise!

BEHAVIOR POLICY

Cooper Hewitt Design Camp follows a three-strike policy for repeated or consistently disruptive behavior. Please review our behavior policy with your child(ren) prior to the first day of camp.

1. After the first instance, the child will be reminded of appropriate behavior while using Zoom
2. After the second instance, Cooper Hewitt educators will contact a parent/guardian.
3. After the third instance, the child will be removed from the program.

COOPER HEWITT DESIGN CAMP AT HOME FAQ

WHAT PLATFORM(S) ARE YOU USING FOR LIVE SESSIONS?

Participants will need Zoom to participate in our live facilitated sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and our office hours session on Thursday*. Parents / guardians will have access to a Dropbox folder with worksheets, articles and other resources that they can share with their child(ren) on self-guided days.

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WHERE DO I ACCESS THE ZOOM LINK?



We are using a reoccurring Zoom link for the one-week session. You will receive a Zoom link one week prior to your first day of camp that you can use throughout the week. You will not receive multiple Zoom links.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO DURING A WEEK OF CAMP?

Your child will explore the design theme of the week through hands-on design activities that challenge them to solve problems, work as a team, and bring their ideas to life.

During our live session on Friday, campers will engage in a “show and share” in which campers can share more about their work, design process and favorite moments from the week.

WHO TEACHES AT DESIGN CAMP?

Two expert Cooper Hewitt design educators and a guest designer will lead each virtual class of up to 50 students.

WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN?

Our live sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are designed for your child(ren) to work independently with our Cooper Hewitt educators and guest designers. No requirements for parents/guardians during the live sessions. Since we are not able to interact with your child(ren) in-person, we will rely on you to help your child(ren) stay on track throughout the week. There are a few things that you can do to support your child(ren).

- 1) Ensure that your child(ren) have what they need to participate. They need a writing tool and a few pieces of scrap paper. For some of our one-week sessions, campers have the option to create 3-dimensional prototypes. If your child(ren) is interested in building a model of their design, they'll need recycled materials like bottles, caps and paper towels as well as tape and scissors. You can start to collect materials now!
- 2) Explore the DropBox resource and decide if it's a tool you are interested in sharing with your child(ren). The DropBox resource is optional and not required to participate in this one-week session.
- 3) Support your child(ren) when they work independently on Tuesday and Thursday. At the end of our live sessions on Monday and Wednesday, our campers will have a few assignments or “action items” that they need to complete on their own.



HOW DO I ACCESS DROPBOX?

We created the DropBox resource to build our Design Camp at Home community. It's a place for parents/guardians to share your child's work and access resources such as photos, videos and worksheets to build their design toolkit and gain inspiration as they navigate through a hands-on challenge. The DropBox resource is optional. Your child(ren) are not required to access the resource or upload their work to navigate through this one-week session.

Parent/guardians will be invited to the DropBox resource prior to their child's first week of camp. If you have any problems accessing the DropBox, please let us know.

HOW DO I SHARE MY CHILD(REN)'S WORK IN DROPBOX?

Sharing photos and/or videos of your child(ren)'s work is optional. You are not required to upload anything to our DropBox resource. A few things to keep in mind when sharing photos and/or videos with our camp community.

1) Please do not include your child(ren)'s face or faces of anyone else in your household. While we would very much like to see your child(ren) in photos and/or videos, we do want to make sure we are being safe and secure.

2) Please do not include any personal information about your child(ren) including their last name, address or any other details that could identify your child(ren) in any photos and/or videos. When uploading a photo and/or video to DropBox, please only include your child(ren)'s first name followed by the name of the assignment. Here's an example: "Adriana Brainstorming Ideas".

