



Beyond the Walls:

Building Community with Offsite Camps



Peoria PlayHouse

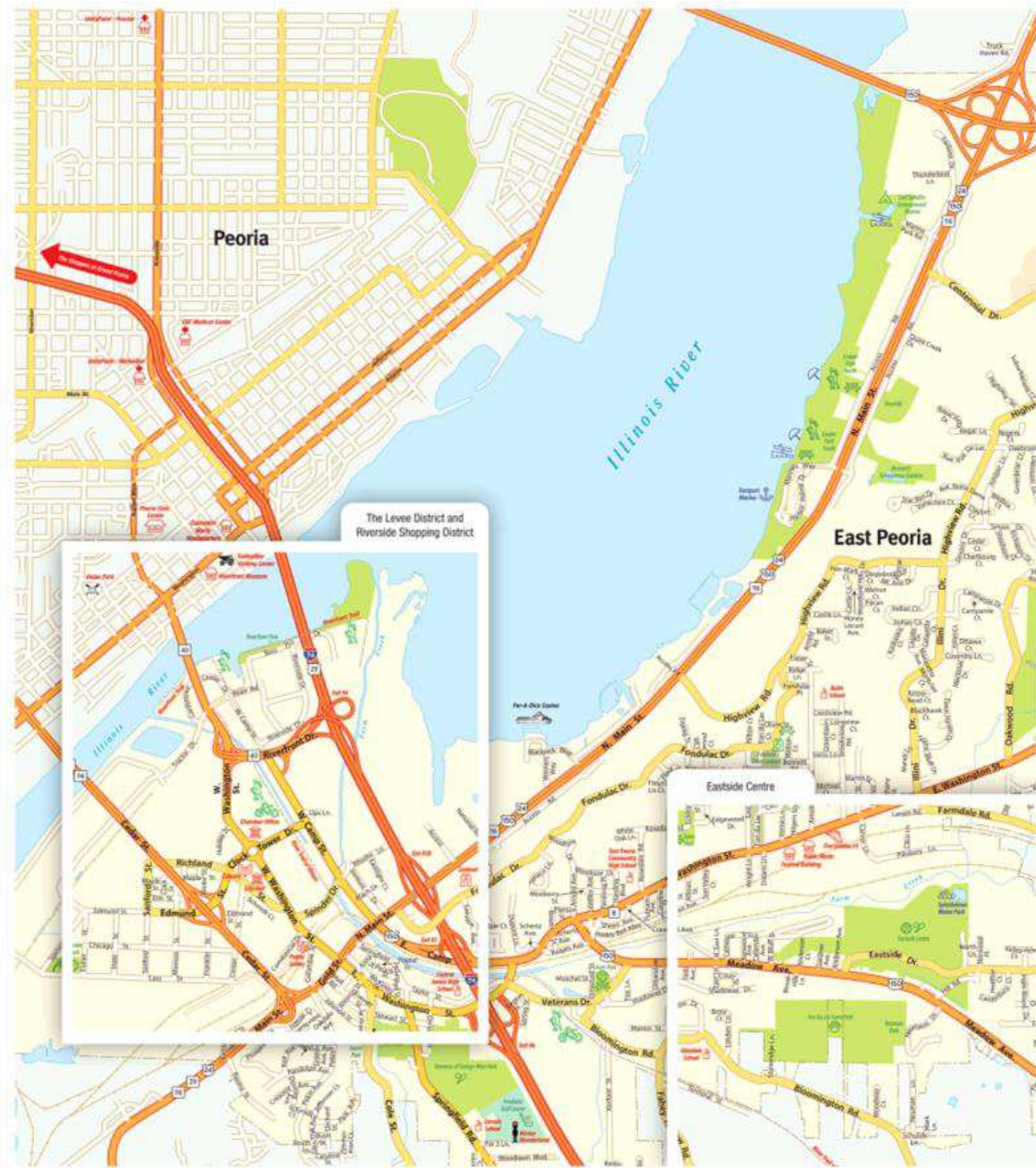
children's museum

A Peoria Park District Facility

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By Your River, Gently Flowing, Illinois

Look, Listen and Smell


What can you see?
Look for the boats floating down the river.

What can you hear?
Listen for sounds of the owl hooting in the trees.


What can you smell?
Smell the different scents of the Illinois River Valley.



What do you smell near the river?



What Kind of Plant Will Grow?




Can you guess?
LIFT HERE
to see if you're right!

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Water Works

Water is VERY important.

We all need water to live. But there is only so much fresh water that we can drink.
That's why it is important for us to protect our water.

What are some things you can do at home to prevent water pollution?

Visit our online learning center for tips at www.illinoiswater.com



Who Pooped?



Can you guess?
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to see if you're right!

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Wonders of Water Summer Camp

Goals

- Build relationships with community partners
- Have amazing, related, off-site experiences
- Make correlations with our existing museum exhibit
- Utilize museum classrooms for awesome hands-on activities to extend what we learned off-site, or to expand upon our exhibit
- Invite other community educators to come to our facility and talk to our camp/lead activities
- Admit that we are not always the experts

Community Partners

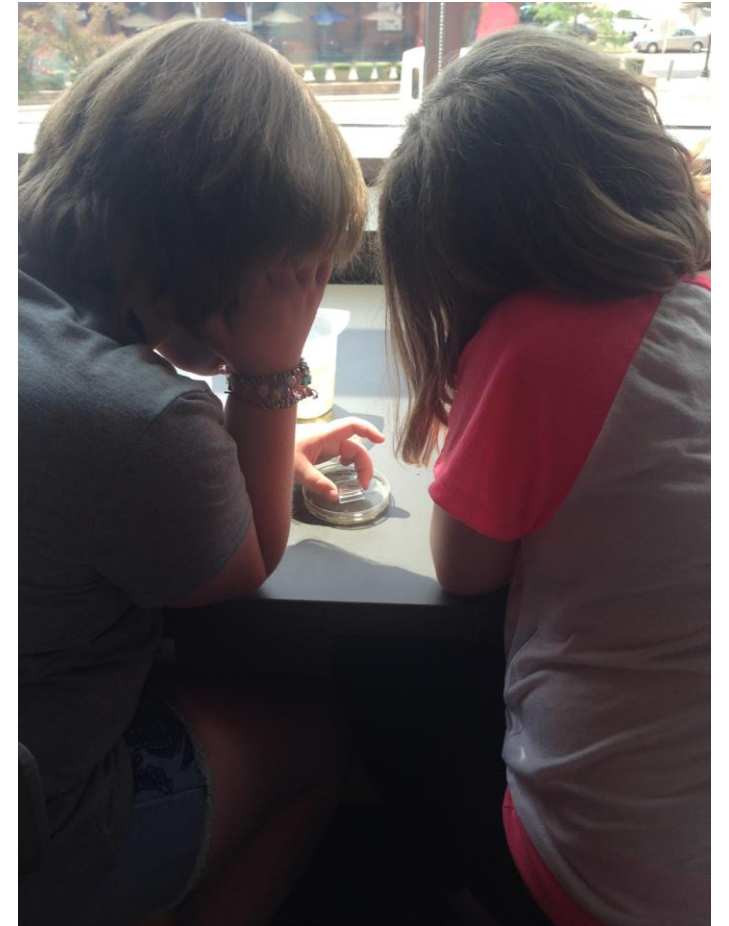
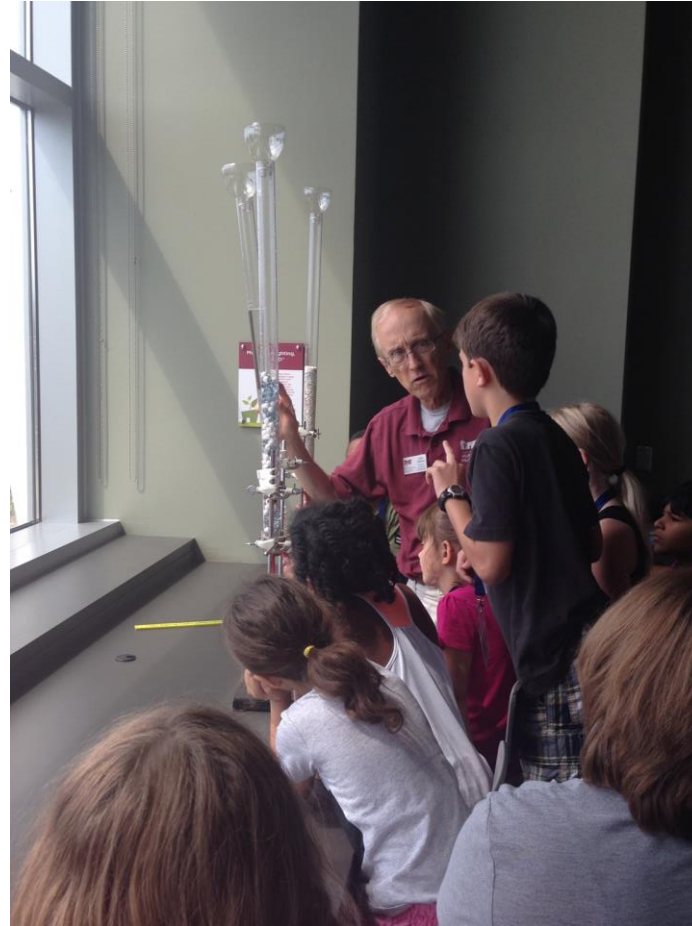
Peoria Riverfront Museum River Encounter



Peoria Riverfront Museum Stream Lab



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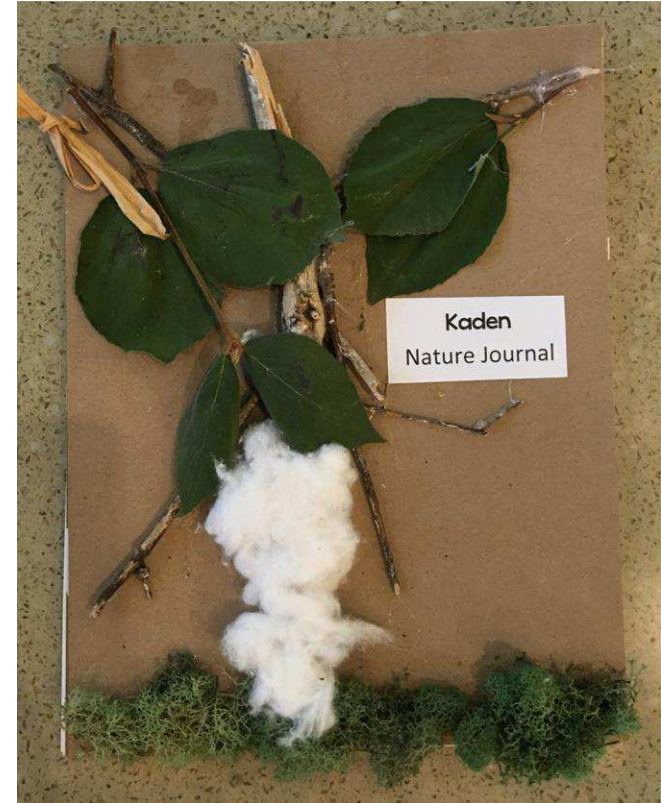
Forest Park Nature Center



Peoria Zoo



Luthy Botanical Garden



Camp Wakonda



Spirit of Peoria



Dickson Mounds



Glen Oak Park Lagoon



Illinois American Water Mobile Lab



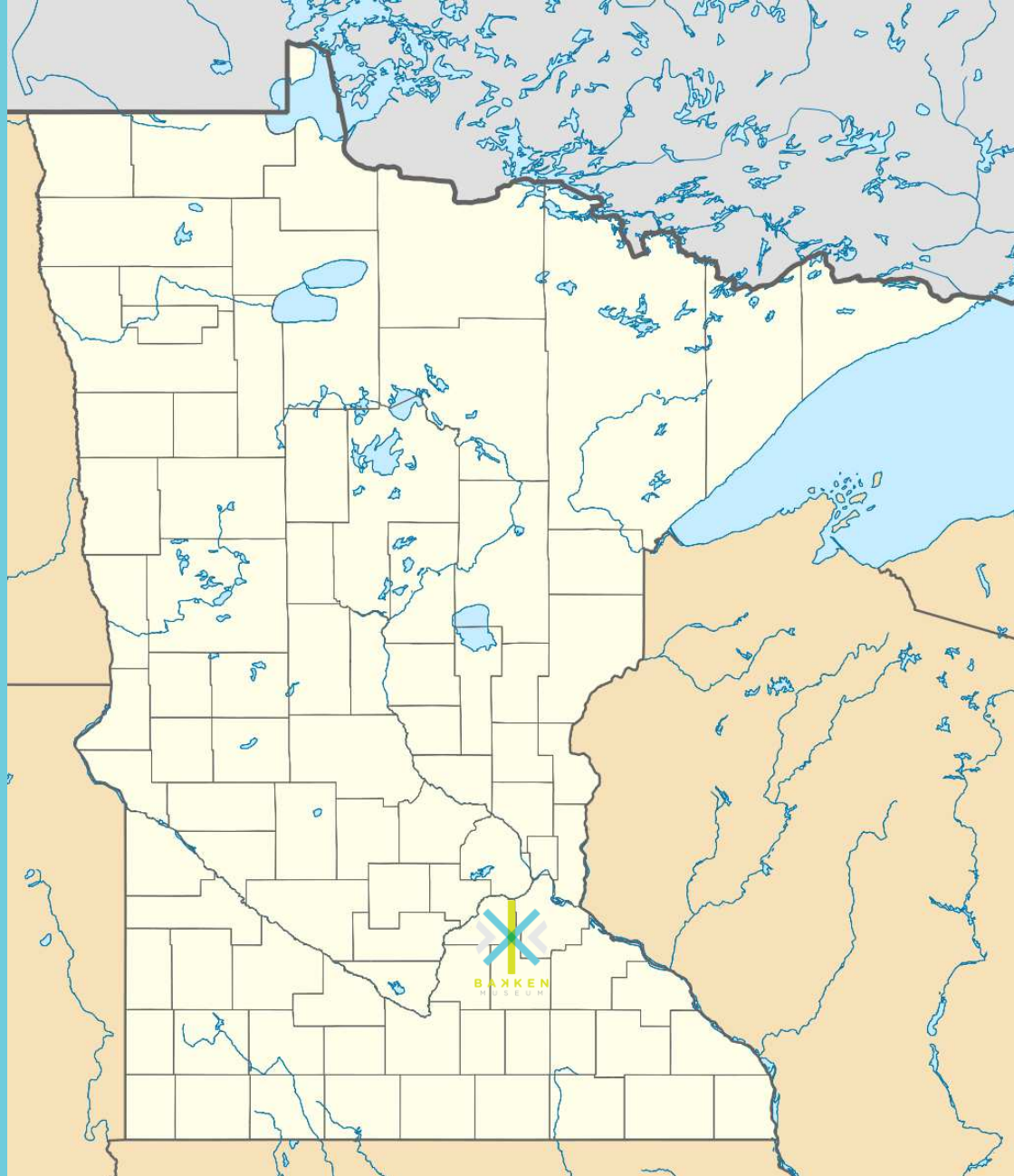
Why This Model Works for Us



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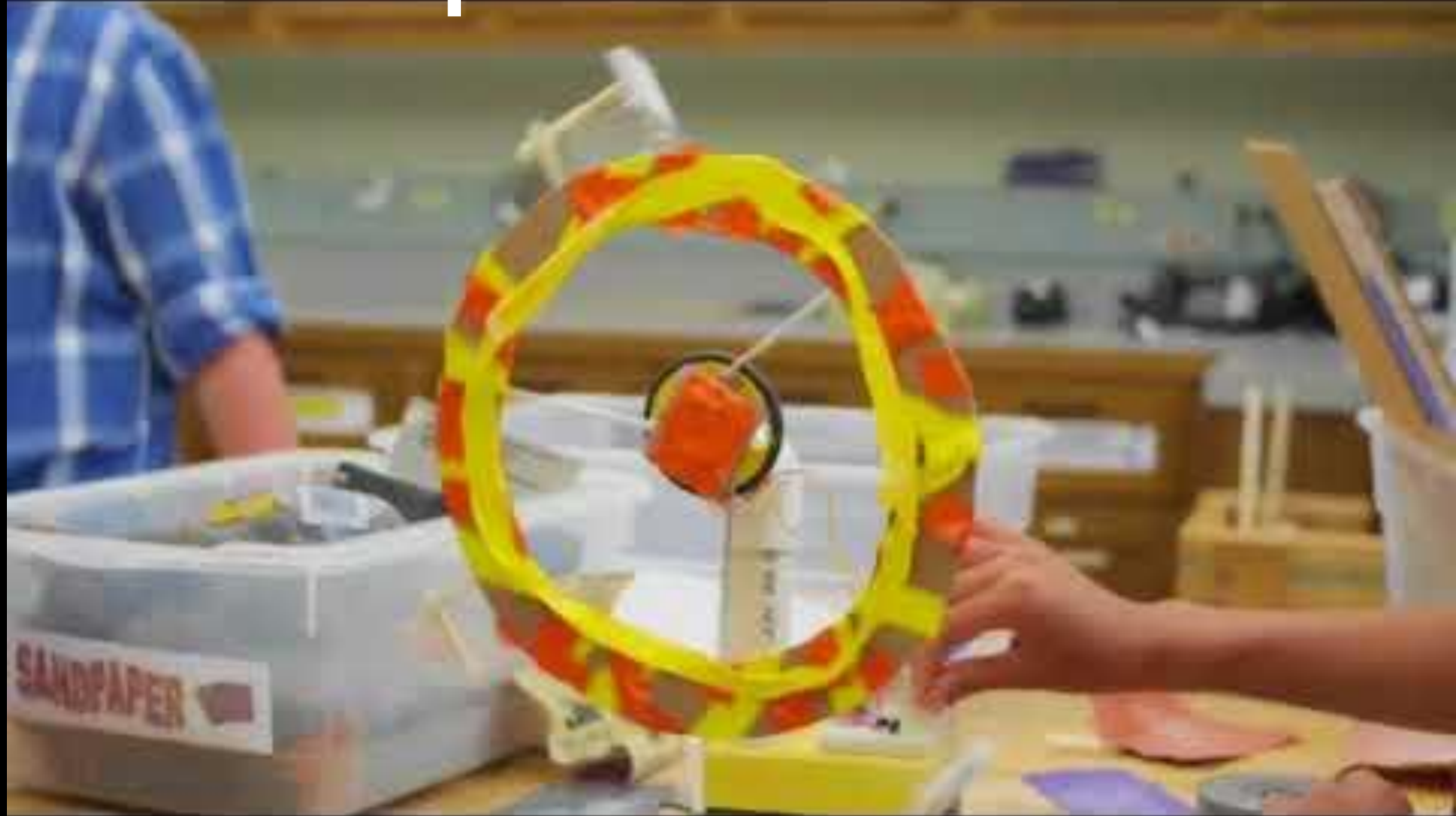
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Camp Innovation





Young
Makers Camp

Camp
Innovation
(onsite)

Camp
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(offsite)

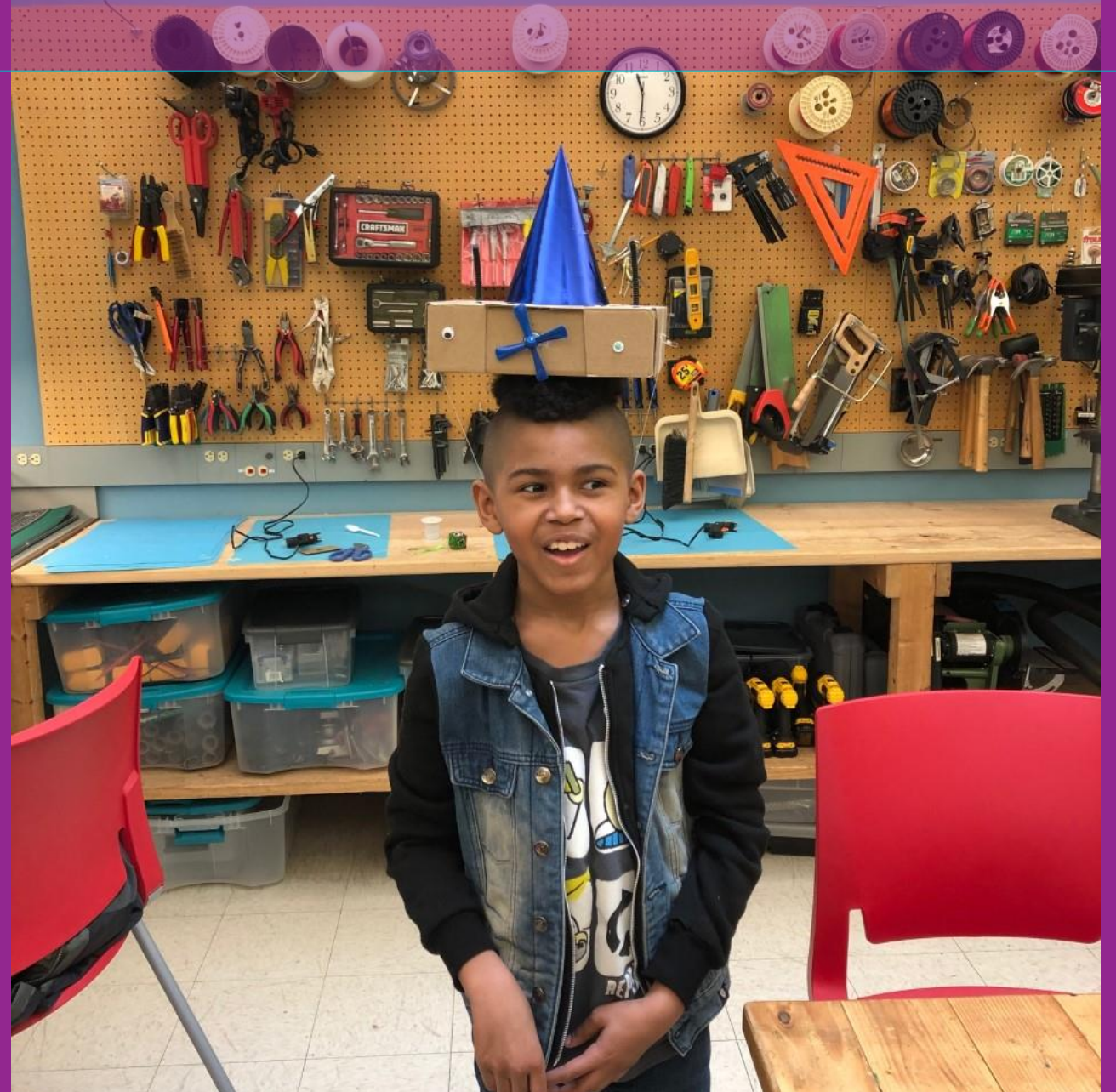
How can we grow our camp program?



Camps on a corporate campus

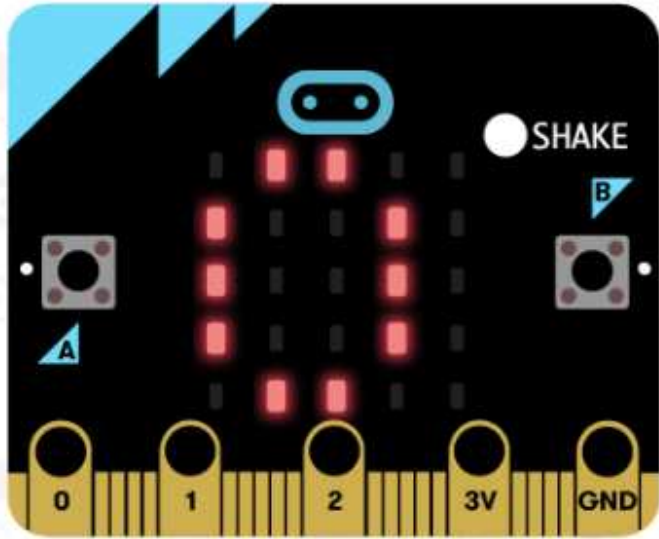


How do you take this on the road?



Technology and Creative Constraint





Search...



Basic

Input

Music

Led

Radio

Loops

Logic

Variables

Math

Advanced

on start

show string "Hello!"

show number 0

on shake

clear screen

if Random = 2 then

show string "YES"

else if Random = 1 then

show string "NO"

else

show string "I DON'T KNOW"

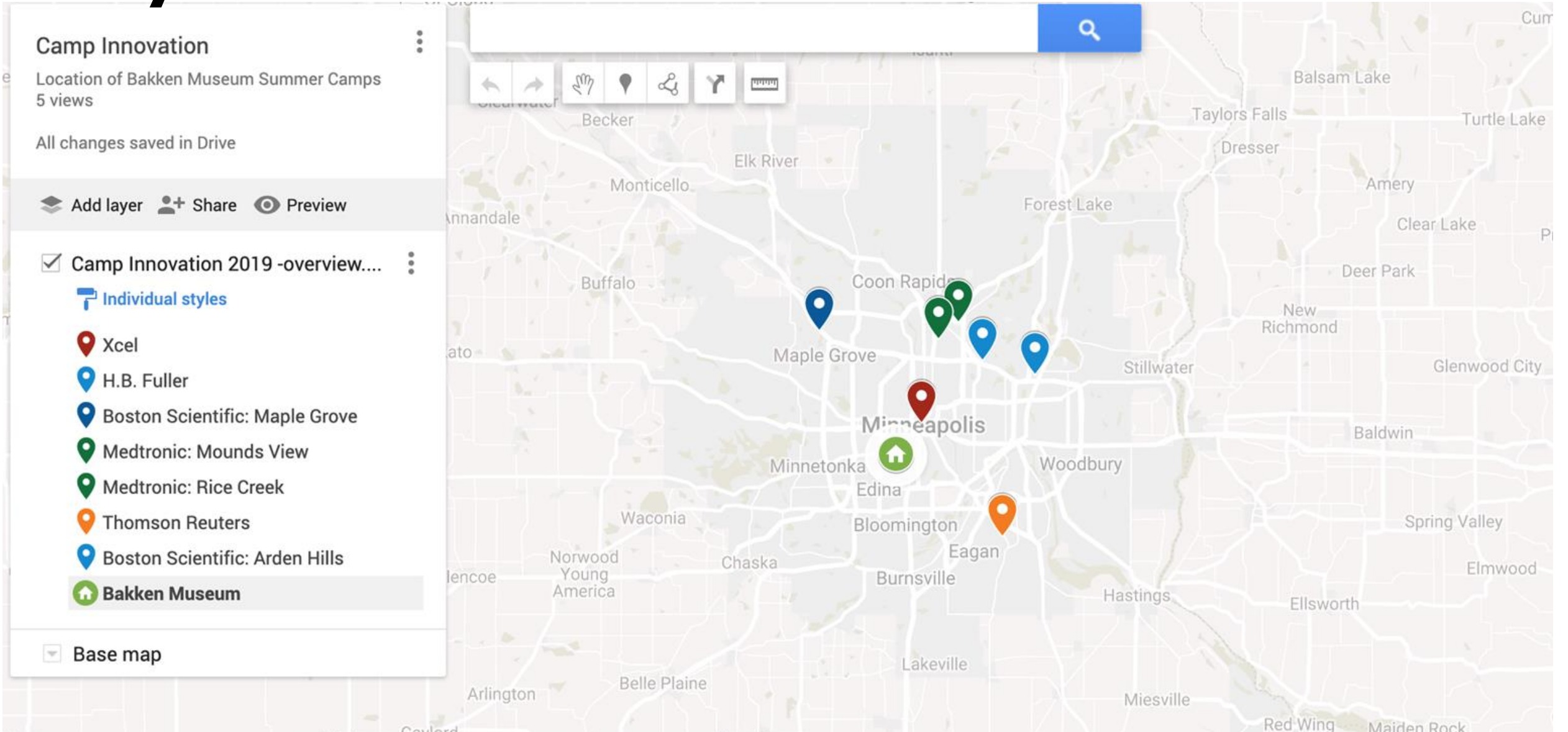
Making the case



Lunch and Learns



5 years later...



Tips for getting started

- 1) Find a champion
- 2) Reserve a space
- 3) Communication Plan
- 4) Sponsorship - ask for support
- 5) Engage Parents

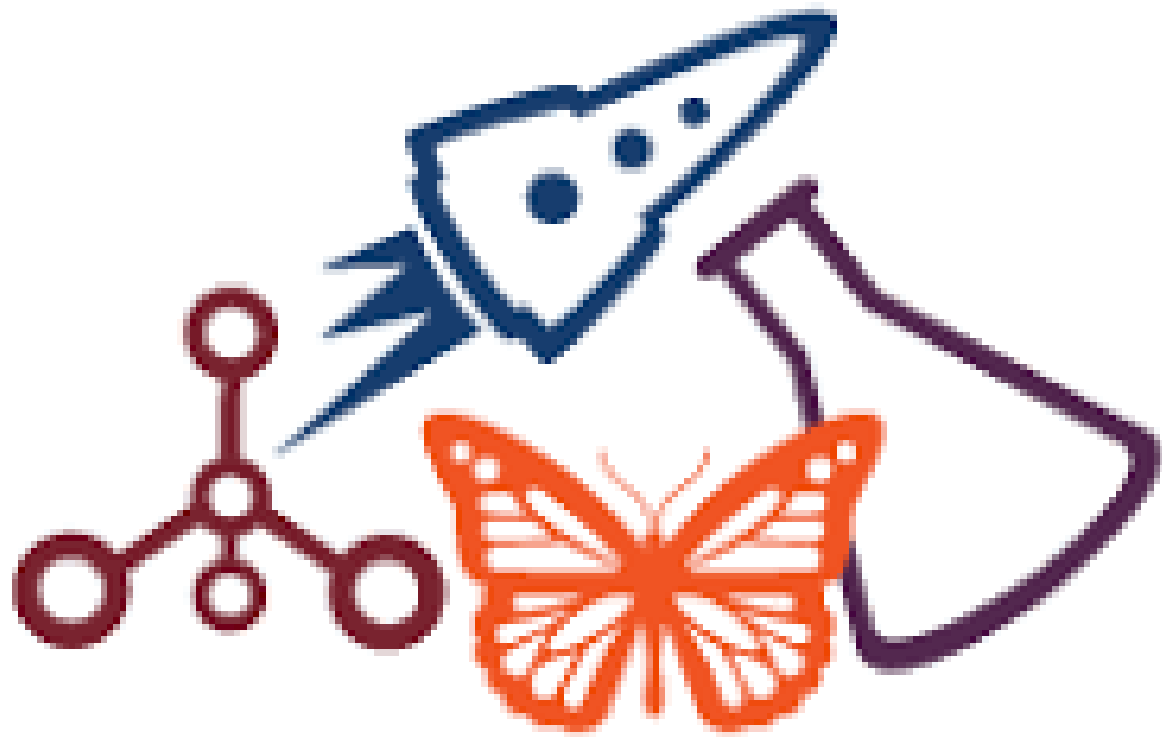


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SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS

2018 Summer Camp Locations

35 COMMUNITIES
3,019 PARTICIPANTS



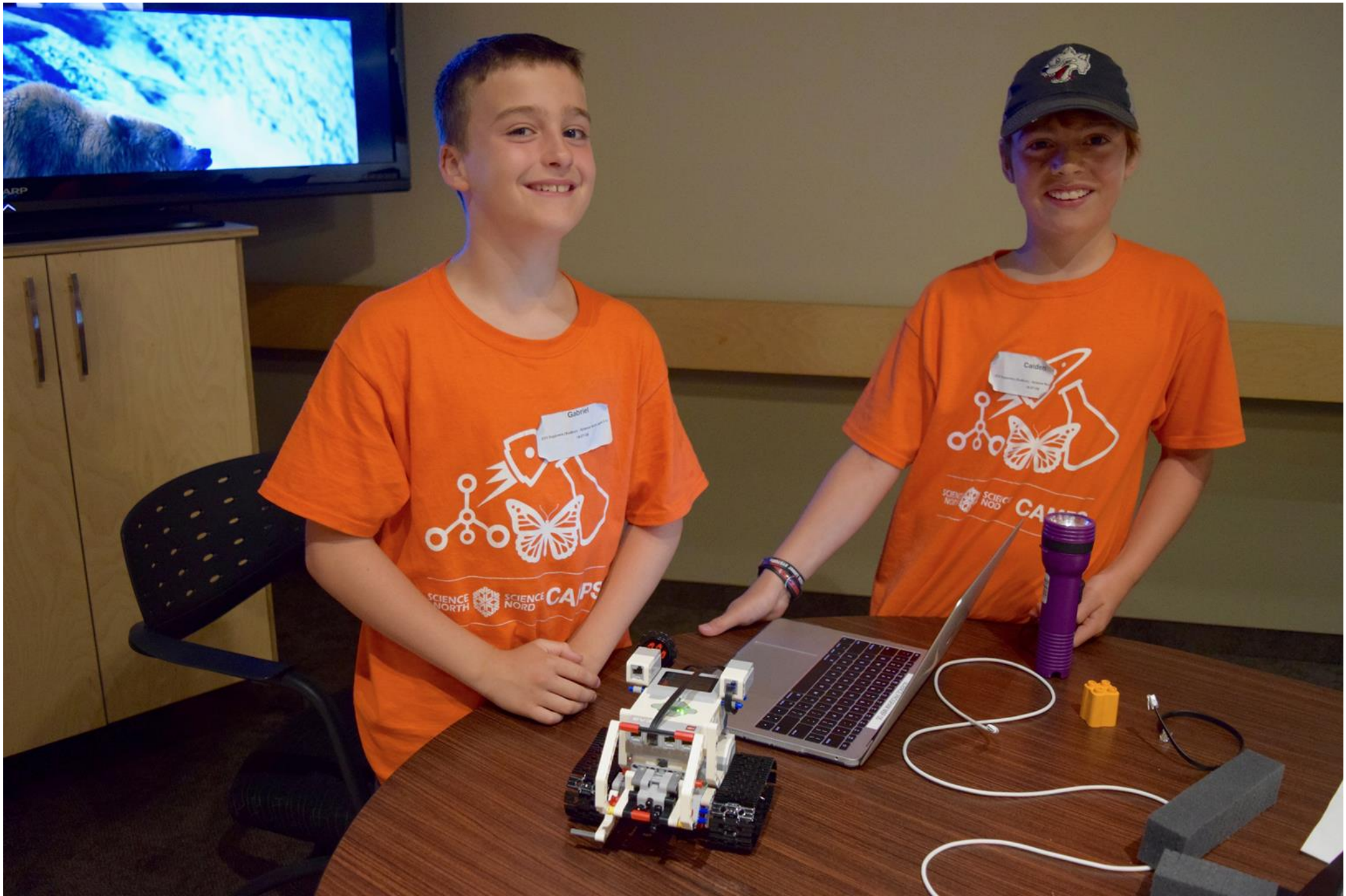
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How Does This Work?

1) Business/Financial Plan

1) Staffing

1) Logistics

Business/Financial Plan



Staffing



Logistics



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THANKS!

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