

Free Competitions for Kid Inventors!

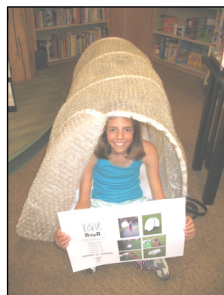


INVENT A BETTER PRODUCT!

Student Ideas for A Better America. A MONTHLY contest coordinated by the National Museum of Education. (Students compete in two divisions: K-8, 9-12). Think of the best idea for a new product and win \$100. **Recent Winner:** The Magic Toothbrush—one with toothpaste in the handle. For info: Call 330.376.8300, <http://www.nmoe.org/students/siba.htm>

INVENT USING RUBBER BANDS!

Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors. (for students in grades 5–8). Create an invention that includes the use of rubber bands and win some of the \$20,000 in prizes! **Deadline 2/10/2010. Recent Winner:** Rubber B-Ball: A basketball game with rubber bands strung vertically and horizontally. For info: <http://rubberbandcontest.org/>

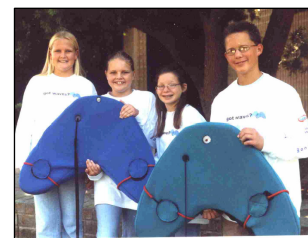


INVENT USING BUBBLEWRAP!

Bubble Wrap® Competition for Young Inventors. (for students in grades 5–8). Create an invention that incorporates the use of Bubble Wrap®. **Deadline March 2, 2010. Recent winner:** Haley (left) created a Bubble Wrap® tent that can be used as shelter by the homeless. For info: <http://www.nmoe.org/bubblewrap/index.html>

INVENT A TOY OR GAME!

TOYchallenge. (open to teams of kids in grades 5-8 in the U.S). Create and design an interactive learning toy or game. **Recent winner:** Team that created a dual boogie board with remote controlled light sensors. **Register by 11/2/2009** For info: www.toychallenge.com



Invention Dimension. (Open to legal residents of U.S. & District of Columbia, from ages 6 to 19). A program sponsored by JAKKS Pacific and Toys"R"Us. Come up with new ideas for toys, games or sports equipments and win some of the \$2000 in prizes. **Deadline: 1/29/2010.** For info: www.bkfk.com/InventionDimension/

INVENT FOR THE FUTURE

ExploraVision. (sponsored by Toshiba and the National Science Teachers Association for students in grades K-12). Work with a team to study a present technology, envision its future and present your findings on a website. Compete for \$10,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds. **Deadline for Projects: 2/2/2010.** For info: 1-800-EXPLOR9/e-mail: exploravision@nsta.org or visit <http://www.exploravision.org>

INVENT A SOLUTION TO A COMMUNITY PROBLEM



eCYBERMISSION. (an online competition sponsored by the U.S. Army for 6th-9th grades). Use math, science, and technology to solve a community problem. Win U.S. savings bonds ranging in value up to \$5,000. **Recent winners** investigated why people don't wear life jackets. **Register by 12/18/2009.** For info: missioncontrol@ecybermission.com or www.ecybermission.com



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Kids Inventing! A Handbook for Young Inventors (Wiley/Jossey Bass)
Women Invent! Two Centuries of Discoveries That Have Shaped Our World
Both by Susan Casey

www.susancaseybooks.com

