



## ChangeMakers Academy **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

This program is specifically designed for kids with a bent toward changing the world; those who would rather spend their afternoon in self-led discovery (with the support of helpful mentors) than being taught at. The problems of tomorrow will be solved by today's emerging leaders and it is our responsibility to cultivate their unique genius. We choose a real-world problem to solve and spend 3 weeks rolling up our sleeves together.

Before the program starts: We'll send your child their ChangeMaker package, which will include materials like a notebook, art supplies, and simple guides that follow the trajectory of the program in order to encourage open-ended exploration. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion.

## **THIS SUMMER'S PROGRAM:**

There's a blackout in San Francisco, affecting over 3,000 people... a myriad of problems arise, and a big one is that the elderly and other folks with mobility challenges are having a hard time getting out of the house to get groceries and other items. **Your Mission? Create a Solution!**

### WEEK 1

#### **Objectives**

- Define a problem + propose solutions
- Craft a mission statement
- Design a logo to illustrate the mission
- Delegate roles to highlight participant strengths

#### **Targeted Skills**

- Collaborative brainstorming
- Persuasive writing
- Graphic design
- Leadership

### WEEK 2

#### **Objectives**

- Design and code a simple website
- Spread the word
- Evaluate costs + spell out logistical details
- Delegate roles to participants

#### **Targeted Skills**

- Explore Artificial Intelligence tools
- Understanding modes of communication + outreach avenues
- Budgeting, compromise + problem-solving
- How to utilize individuals' strengths

### WEEK 3

#### **Objectives**

- Interview an expert: Simone Policano, Co-Founder of [Invisible Hands Deliver](#) and graduate of Yale University
- Debate macro issues of the presenting problem
- Reflect on and evaluate process + product
- Self-reflection + what's next

#### **Targeted Skills**

- Preparing and asking thoughtful questions
- Active listening, presenting concise and persuasive arguments
- Critical thinking, giving + receiving constructive feedback
- Self-agency, empowerment