



2021-22 Program Year Important Dates

- **Tuesdays at 3pm through May 31:** Virtual office hours with OIL team via Zoom
- **Thursdays at 4pm through June 2:** Virtual office hours with OIL team via Zoom
- **October 26, 2021 4pm to 6pm: *Implementing Invention Convention Workshop*** for educators, program leaders and families interested in Independent Inventor Program
- **Feb. 5, 2022:** Deadline for Educator, Program leader and Independent Inventor sign up for the 2021-22 program year (*There will be OIL office hours to share info and answer questions about the student selection process for participating in Virtual Preliminary Invention Convention Jan.25 @ 3pm & Jan.27 @ 4pm*)
- **Feb. 21, 2022:** Educators, program leaders report overall participation numbers
- **Feb. 28, 2022:** Educators/ program leaders are notified of how many inventions they may select from their local programs to participate in the 2022 Virtual Preliminary Invention Convention hosted by OIL
- **April. 1, 2022:** Independent Inventors must have completed and uploaded project pieces and video submission, using the zFairs system used to sign up for the IIP program year, for evaluation for advancement to the 2022 Virtual Preliminary IC
- **April. 15, 2022:** Independent Inventors notified if their invention advanced to the 2022 Virtual Preliminary IC. IIP students advancing to the 2022 Preliminary Invention Convention will not need to register. Their original IIP registration will automatically be advanced to the 2022 State IC
- **Mar. 2 - April 15, 2022:** Online registration open for **students invited** to participate in **2022 Preliminary Invention Convention (IC)** by their educator/program leader. Students (families) must complete registrations and upload video submission by April 15 to compete
- **May 2022:** Qualifying students will be advanced to the 2022 State Invention Convention, from the Preliminary virtual competition registration system, directly by OIL team, after judging is complete. **Advancing students will not** need to complete a new registration for the 2020 State IC
- **June 1, 2022:** - Notification of student advancement to **2022 State IC**. Both educators and families will receive an email, via email addresses given in zFairs registration for Preliminary IC, to the listed educator email and listed parent email
- **Aug. 7, 2022:** **Virtual State Awards Ceremony Premiere**