

Denver Public Library/YouthBiz Program FAQs

1) How old do my kids need to be to participate?

We welcome all students in grades 4-8 to participate in this Spring Break mini-camp!

2) How many days is this program?

This program is three days long, from Wednesday, March 31- Friday, April 2. The program will meet from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. each day.

3) What platform will you be using?

We'll be using Google Meet for these sessions, as well as Google Classroom for the resources. We do encourage participants to register with a Gmail account, but it is not necessary to participate.

4) Do participants need to attend every day?

Yes, if possible, we recommend students attend each session in order to have the best chance of winning the business pitch competition.

5) How long is each day?

Each daily session is 2 hours long and includes time for brain breaks and group bonding games!

6) What will participants be learning/doing each day?

Students will be working on their real businesses, from researching their competition and costs to creating their prototypes and business pitches. Activities are fun and interactive, designed to keep students engaged in their business ventures.

7) Is there a fee to participate?

Nope! This program is completely free to the Denver community!

8) How do we sign up?

Anyone interested can sign up by calling Young Americans Center at 303-321-2265 OR through our website at <https://yacenter.org/youthbiz/youthbiz-programs/mini-camps/>

9) When will we get the link to participate?

Participants will receive the Google Meet link and Google Classroom link on **Friday, March 26.**

10) If my child has a friend/sibling participating, will they be able to work together?

Absolutely! We encourage students to work in business teams as a way to practice teamwork and collaboration, as well as to share the workload! Students will get the chance to choose their teammates on day 1.

11) How can my child earn 100?

Every business will present their idea to a panel of business leader judges on Friday, April 2. Judges will deliberate on who they believe was the best overall business concept and award the \$100 prize to the winning business.

12) Can parents attend the presentations?

Absolutely! We encourage families to join on Friday, April 2 from 10:30 – 12:00 to cheer on their young entrepreneurs as they pitch to the judges. Invitations with links will be sent to all participants during the week of mini-camp as a reminder.

13) Does my child need a business idea to participate?

Not at all! We'll be doing various activities to spark business ideas in the minds of participants. However, if you do have an idea in mind, that's great! Many times students find ways to improve their ideas during these activities.

14) After this camp, how can my child stay involved with YouthBiz programming?

YouthBiz offers a ton of ongoing opportunities for young entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs! We host workshops on different business topics each month, host a marketplace for young entrepreneurs twice a year, have a free mentorship program to help your business grow, and hold an annual business competition with up to \$10,000 in prizes. To learn more, go to yacenter.org/youthbiz.