

Frequently Asked Questions – Creative Ideator & STEM Camp 2026

About the Camp

What is the Creative Ideator & STEM Camp?

The Creative Ideator & STEM Camp is a 6-night, 7-day educational program in Finland designed to foster creativity, innovation, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) skills. Students work on real-world challenges, visit Finnish schools, participate in hands-on projects, and enjoy cultural immersion.

When will the camp take place?

We have two camp sessions in 2026:

- **Camp 1:** 19–25 April 2026
- **Camp 2:** 17–23 May 2026

Who can participate?

- Students aged **10–17 years** from any country.
- Groups from schools (10–50 students) or individual participants.
- Teachers and school leaders are also welcome to accompany student groups.

Where will the camp be held?

Activities will take place in **Helsinki, Vantaa, and Espoo**, Finland, with visits to schools, innovation hubs, science museums, and nature sites.

What will students do during the camp?

Key activities include:

- Finnish school visits and classroom participation
- Robotics & AI workshops
- Engineering challenges & prototyping
- Coding & game development
- Innovation competitions
- Cultural tours and nature exploration
- Team-building and problem-solving activities

What is the group size requirement?

- **Minimum group size:** 10 students
- **Maximum group size:** 50 students
- Individual students can also apply and join mixed groups.

Camp Fees

What is the cost of the camp?

- €2,200 per student (10–20 group size)
 - €2,000 per student (20+ group size)
 - €1,500 per student (50+ group size)
 - €1,500 per teacher (based on 10:1 ratio)
- (All fees exclude 25.5% VAT)*

What's included in the camp fee?

- Accommodation for 6 nights in student hostels, eco-friendly dorms, or camp sites
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner – vegetarian & sustainable options)
- STEM workshops and project materials
- Local transportation in Finland
- Mentorship & training sessions
- Excursions to science museums, innovation hubs, and cultural sites
- Access to CCE's online LMS portal

What's not included in the camp fee?

- International airfare
- Visa processing and insurance
- VAT at 25.5%
- Personal expenses

Safety and Security

How is the safety and security of students ensured during the camp?

Student safety is our highest priority. Every group will be supported by **trained coaches, mentors, and teachers**, ensuring proper guidance throughout the camp. We maintain an **adult-to-student ratio of 1:10**, which is sufficient for managing all activities and safety measures. In addition, we recommend that each school nominates **one teacher for every 10 students** to strengthen supervision and adult monitoring.

How are food, nutrition, and medical needs handled?

The campsite is **secure and well-managed**, with careful attention to the health and well-being of all participants. Meals are designed to be **nutritious and balanced**, and we take special care to accommodate **food allergies and dietary restrictions**. A dedicated support team, including teachers and coaches, will always be present to ensure that every student is well taken care of.

Scholarship

Is there a scholarship available?

Yes! Students from schools sending fewer than 50 participants, or individual applicants, can apply for a **scholarship of up to €500** towards camp fees.

Application Process:

1. Submit your application by **30 September 2025** via [Scholarship Application Form](#).
2. Provide school and student details, plus a Statement of Purpose or Motivation letter
3. Attend an online interview (October–November 2025).
4. Winners announced in December 2025.
5. Visa applications must be completed by **31 January 2026**.

Can I use my scholarship for another program or receive it in cash?

No. The scholarship is available **only as part of a travel grant for this specific program** and cannot be transferred, redeemed for cash, or applied to any other program.

Language and Communications

What is the language of instruction?

All activities will be conducted in **English**. Students should have basic English communication skills.

I cannot speak English. Is it possible for me to join?

For individual participants, it is not possible to join without basic English communication skills. However, if you are part of a group of **10 or more students**, we can arrange a translator or interpreter for your group at an additional cost.

The primary language of instruction for the camp is **English**. Please contact us for more information about translation services.

Registration

How do I register?

- **Schools:** Contact info@ccefinland.org for group bookings.
- **Individuals:** Apply directly through the online registration form provided by CCE Finland.

Who do I contact for more information?

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I am a travel agent, tour operator, or student camp organizer. I would like to send a group of students. How can I go about it?

If you wish to send a student group to the Creative Ideator & STEM Camp, please contact us directly for **group rates, itinerary customization, and partnership details**. We can tailor the program to suit your students' needs, school requirements, and preferred travel dates.

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How much is the total capacity of the campsite and how many participants will be coming from different countries?

The total campsite capacity is **150 beds**. For this camp, we plan for a group of around **80 participants** to ensure everyone has enough space and a comfortable living environment.

If a single school brings more than **50 participants**, we customize the program to suit their specific needs. We also expect participants from different countries to join, as **internationalization and cross-cultural connections are an important part of this learning journey**.

What is the eligibility criteria for students? Can I nominate many students from my school?

Yes, schools are welcome to nominate **any number of students**. The selection will be based on the **motivation letter, recommendation letters**, and the **online interview** sessions. Selected students will be notified directly.

Is there a specific template for the motivation letter?

No, there is no fixed template. We encourage students to use their **imagination and creativity**. Your motivation letter should be written in a **compelling and personal way** that best presents your interest, passion, and reasons to join. It is an open opportunity, and how you design and express yourself is entirely up to you.

How many students will be selected? Is there a specific quota for each school?

There is **no quota** for any school or organization. Selection is purely based on the **strength of the application**. All worthy candidates will be considered fairly.

Certification & Credits

Will I receive academic credits for attending the camp?

Yes, participants will earn **2 ECTS credit units** for the academic portion of the camp, which includes the Certificate of Participation.

Will I get a Certificate of Participation?

Absolutely. All participants will receive an official **Certificate of Participation** from the **Council for Creative Education (CCE) Finland** upon completing the camp.

What is the Council for Creative Education (CCE) Finland?

CCE Finland is a leading global organization based in Tampere, Finland, dedicated to redefining education through creativity and innovation. We offer tailor-made teacher training, school development programs, education tours, student camps, and more—from pre-primary to higher education levels

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