Re-Imagine
BLOCK Fest®
Virtual Build with
BLOCK Fest® Event

Event Overview :: COVID-19

The following overview is a Virtual Build with BLOCK Fest® event, intended to provide an additional option for a BLOCK Fest® in-person event until COVID-19 restrictions allow for a Re-Imagine BLOCK Fest® In-Person event or an originally designed BLOCK Fest® event.

Host:

- Minimum of one trained BLOCK Fest® Host to facilitate a Virtual Build event
- Event Reporting must be completed through Host Portal at www.blockfest.org for each event
- Host is responsible for advertising event and providing any necessary volunteers for event assistance
- Host facilitates the block play...have a plan
  - Essential to Include:
    - Use "I Wonder" statements
    - Ask questions
    - Point out concepts they are building or using, share definitions, etc
    - Math words, science words, story words
    - Let the child lead with their structure, asking questions, not telling them what to do or not to do as they build
  - Options to Incorporate:
    - Plan specific block types separately, rotating after a set amount of time to another type
    - Build with all block types together
    - Demonstrate concepts and have them explore it
    - Have someone build a structure, then have others replicate it
      - Host builds, then families
      - Parent builds, then child
    - Show the BLOCK Fest® 8 Stages of Block Play Video
    - Unit cube pattern card exploration and demonstration

Timeline:

Events can be configured into a one-hour event or shortened.

- The length of time your event lasts should be determined by the outline of activities you have created.
- Consider the ages of children participating; target time length towards the youngest age group and their ability to remain engaged.

Event Supplies:

- Block set for each participating family
  - We recommend using a Mini-Block Bag for each participant; this gives consistency in block options for all your participants (inquire with Twiga)
- Internet access for Host and each Participant
- Zoom app downloaded and account set-up (other online platforms can be used)

Event Registration:

Registration for your event is recommended using the new BLOCK Fest® Registration Application

Online Platform:

- Twiga will set up a registration link specific to your event
- Registration Application allows Host to track participant registration, waiver signing, survey completion and print a registration log for easy check-in

Blocks:

Mini-Block Bag:

- Twiga can assist you in determining the best method to obtain blocks for your event
  - Purchase Mini-Block Bag Event Packages through Twiga
  - Identify blocks for your organization to purchase
- Host will make arrangements to get blocks to participants prior to event
- Block bags (sets) can be gifted or loaned to participants
  - If loaning block bags, it is the responsibility of the Host to properly sanitize all materials, coordinate delivery and pick-up of all materials

Participants:

- Recommended 8 families for participation (this is the easiest configuration for an iPad; 9 participants visible on the screen at one time)