

Texas Creative Problem Solving Organization Presents

Destination ImagiNation®

Imagine a program where your kids build confidence through learning,
Imagine a program where discovery is
the only teacher,
Imagine a program that builds
lifelong learning and
problem-solving skills.

Destination ImagiNation® is a non-profit corporation supported by International Affiliates throughout the world working together to offer a global, kid-powered & team-driven, creative problem-solving program...*in which the kids have fun, and learn without realizing it!*

Destination ImagiNation® provides opportunities to explore and discover unlimited creative potential through teamwork, cooperation, and mutual respect. The key to the Destination Imagination program is discovering the process of creative problem-solving. Throughout the program year, they work as a team to solve a central Team Challenge as well as learn the techniques of brainstorming and instant problem-solving through Instant Challenges and the use of Improv items. What they learn during this process are the tangible rewards of the program. The culmination of their work is showcased at the regional Destination Imagination tournament. Teams use art, technology, performance, and real world relevance as they tackle one of the five Team Challenges. The Team Challenge solution can take from several weeks to several months to develop.

Volunteers make this program possible. Two parent volunteers are needed for each team to serve as a team manager and co-manager. Team managers have the opportunity to teach real-world life-long skills to a bunch of kids you'll learn to love and the satisfaction of seeing a bunch of disorganized kids come together as a team to create a unique solution that they can be proud of. Managers serve in a supportive role, as it is the team's job to solve the challenge. Training sessions will be offered during October and November. You will only need to attend one of them. **Without volunteer Team Managers, there can be no teams.** In addition, each team is required to provide two volunteer competition judges. The judge's training will be offered in February.

Students will begin meeting weekly with their teams immediately after the teams are formed near the end of September. The regional competition will be in late February or early March. All team members will need to be available on the competition day.

To sign up, fill out the enrollment form on the back and return it to the school office by September 10 or as soon as possible since enrollment is limited. Please, indicate your child's challenge preference on the form. Contact Sheri Moore at soaringsam@gmail.com or 996-9253 if you have any questions.... or check out the intro to DI video and other information on the Destination Imagination website at <http://www.idodi.org>.

Destination ImagiNation[®] Enrollment Form

Date: _____ Campus: _____

Student Name: _____ Gender: M F Phone#: _____

E-mail address: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's E-mail Address: _____

Student's challenge choices: First _____ Second _____

Advisory Teacher: _____ Favorite Activity _____

My student would like to be on the same team as _____

What day of the week is best for your child? _____

My student cannot meet on (day/days) _____

I would like to manage/co-manage a team. Name _____

Person interested in judging at DI competition. Name _____

Challenge A: Direct Deposit

Focus: Engineering, Cost/Benefit Analysis, Innovation & Design Process, Tech Design & Construction, Experimentation, Math, Theater Arts, Teamwork

You can deliver a pizza. You can deliver the news. You can be delivered from the brink of disaster. But can you deliver objects to targets you cannot see? Each object is like money – if you keep the money in your pocket you have some cash, but to become rich you need to decide how to invest it! Your team will have to consider which choices will earn the most rewards as you try to hit your targets. Whatever you decide, you'll have to work quickly, because the clock is ticking!

Challenge B: DI[®]-Bot

Focus: Robotic Technology, Research, Technical Design and Construction, Science, Theater Arts, Teamwork

Robots – doing our chores and serving our every need! What could be better? Robotic Technology has changed our lives and made our dreams a reality. Gaming systems, cell phones, cars and factories all use Robotic Technology. What will Robotic Technology accomplish next? How will our lives change because of it? You get to decide and use your knowledge of Robotic Technology to show us what may happen!

Challenge C: You're Gonna Flip!

Focus: Storytelling; Puppet Design/Construction; Puppetry; Theater Arts, Visual Arts

Bah Humbug! A man who lives only for money discovers how to love people. That's Ebenezer Scrooge. A young Kansas girl feels so unloved at home that she wants to run away. Over the rainbow, she learns to appreciate the love she has in her own backyard. That's Dorothy's story. Our understanding of the world can FLIP from one view to another. Theater, books and art are full of such turnabouts. Now your team gets to create your own story with a Flip! And what's better than a team-created puppet and a piece of Live Visual Art to help tell your story. You're gonna flip over this Challenge!

Challenge D: Do or DI[®]

Focus: Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Theater Arts, Team Work, Technical Innovation

Going... Going... Gone? A Threatened Thing is in danger of extinction, and YOU are its only hope for survival! With a Stock Character and a very Unimpressive Superpower, can you save land line telephones, the Polar Bear, or even the Great Barrier Reef? But wait...do all threatened things need to be saved or is it better if some go the way of the dinosaur? You decide to Do or DI!

Challenge E: Breaking DI News

Focus: Structural Engineering, Materials Science, International Relations, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Theater Arts, Teamwork.

What's black and white and read all over? A newspaper, of course! When we think of newspapers we think of stories and pictures from around the world. People have been reading newspapers every day for more than 400 years, but newspapers can do more than tell stories. When you're finished reading a newspaper, it can be transformed into home insulation, animal bedding or even pencils! In this Challenge your team will demonstrate some of the many uses of newspaper. You will reduce your props, reuse a story and recycle a newspaper all to prove that you CAN do more with less!