



Opportunities for 2009-2010

Who: Creative students who love problem solving (grades K-12)

When: Beginning soon with a competition on March 13 in Waunakee

Destination ImagiNation is a community-based, school-friendly program for grades K-12 that builds participants' creativity, problem solving, and teamwork in enjoyable and meaningful ways!

Take a team of five to seven kids who are roughly the same age, add a mind boggling Team Challenge, shake it up with some on-the-spot thrills called Instant Challenges, add some costumes, props, a story line and, oh yeah, don't forget the duct tape!

Destination ImagiNation® is not really a program, it's a process. Team members engage in creativity, Creative Problem Solving, and teamwork, individually and together, with DI Challenges, otherwise known as a great practice drill for the challenges of real life! Participants will develop life-long skills that carry over into everyday life – but most of all, they will have fun, discover talents they never knew they had, become friends with kids they might not have ever met, and reap the rewards of teamwork and friendship as they grow and learn.

In Oregon, Destination ImagiNation® is a program offered through the school district and run by parent volunteers to offer wonderful opportunities for highly creative children.

Destination ImagiNation ® helps kids develop a unique and critical skill set by emphasizing:

Creativity	Problem Solving	Teamwork
Brainstorming	Project Management	Time Management
Creative & Critical Thinking Skills	Knowledge Application	Collaboration
Presentation Skills	Confidence	Research Skills

Who Can Participate?

Destination Imagination is available to all students in the Oregon School District. Teams are selected from a list of interested students by team managers. Each team may have up to 7 members. The more team managers that volunteer, the more teams Oregon can have participate in the regional tournament to be held around March. If your child(ren) would enjoy and benefit from being involved in Destination Imagination, please consider being a team manager. Each year due to a shortage of volunteers some children are not able to participate in this great program.

What is DI?

Destination ImagiNation **Team Challenge** is a challenge that is solved over a period of eight weeks or more. There are five competitive Team Challenges from which teams may choose, each with its own educational focus. Each Team Challenge is designed to be open-ended and solvable in many ways and on many levels. **Please read the description of the challenges** and check out a demonstration at <http://www.idodi.org/index.php/2009-10-season/2009-10-challenges> .

There is also one non-competitive Team Challenge, called the **Rising Stars! Team Challenge**, for preschool and early elementary children.

There are two parts to the Team Challenge: the **Central Challenge** and **Side Trips**. The Central Challenge is a set of required elements that all teams must complete. Side Trips are two additional elements teams create and include in their Presentation.

The Destination ImagiNation **Instant Challenge** is a Challenge teams are asked to solve in a very short period of time at their **Tournament**, without knowing ahead of time what the Challenge will be. Teams go into a room and are given a Challenge and the materials with which to solve it. They use their thinking-on-their-feet skills to produce a solution, usually in a period of five to eight minutes!

What Does a Team Manager Do?

We cannot run the program without parent volunteers! If you could change the world or some part of it, what would you choose to change? There's no need to puzzle out the next great scientific discovery or run for political office. You can change the world by taking on the role of Team Manager for a Destination ImagiNation team! By working with a team you can help to change the world one team member at a time! DI teaches kids new ways to solve problems and interact with the world around them. You will help them learn how to work as a team, meet commitments and work creatively.

Ready to change the world? It couldn't be more exciting! Without Team Manager volunteers, we cannot offer this wonderful opportunity to students. Please consider helping as a manager.

A DI Team Manager should have some or most of these qualities:

- A good sense of humor
- Appreciate creativity and innovation in all its forms and styles
- Enjoy working with children and young adults
- Interest in helping kids learn about creative problem solving
- Have a positive and friendly attitude
- Willing to work with and involve parents to help them understand the program
- Ready and willing to learn right along with the team!
- A good resource site for Team Managers is <http://www.idodi.org>

My child and I are interested in Destination Imagination. What do we do now?

1. Complete the Parent/Student Nomination Form (included) and return forms to classroom teacher
2. Select challenges of interest – make a first and second choice
3. Volunteer to work with your child's team

Description of Challenges to Choose From

Challenge A: Direct Deposit

Educational Focus: Engineering, Cost/Benefit Analysis, Innovation & Design Process, Technical Design & Construction, Experimentation, Mathematics, Communication, Theater Arts, Teamwork

The Destination: Where This Challenge Will Take You!

You can deliver a pizza. You can deliver the news. In the field of construction, you can be delivered from the brink of disaster or deliver important materials that build towards a goal. But can you deliver construction materials to targets you cannot see? Each piece of construction material has value, and some more than others. To become rich you need to decide how to effectively deliver them to the current construction project! Your team will have to consider which choices will earn the most reward as you try to deliver your construction materials over a barrier to the optimum targets on the construction site. Whatever you decide, you'll have to work quickly, because the clock is ticking!

Points of Interest! Your team will:

- Present a team-created story about making a decision.
- Design and build a piece of equipment that delivers supply Objects over a Barrier to Targets.
- Consider risk versus reward to increase your Object score through strategic delivery to job site Targets.
- Create two *Side Trips* and integrate them into the Presentation

Challenge B: DI®-Bot

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

The Destination: Where This Challenge Will Take You!

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

Points of Interest! Your team will:

- Learn about Robotic Technology and the changes it creates.
- Create an original Story which envisions and shows how at least one character's life may be changed by Robotic Technology.
- Design, create, and integrate a device called DI-BOT, which completes a motion or task, into the Story.
- Create a method to change at least one prop or set piece, or part(s) of the prop or set piece, into DI-BOT, or a part of DI-BOT.
- Create a scene change that enhances the Presentation by providing an effective transitional link from one scene to another.
- Create two *Side Trips* and integrate them into the Presentation

Challenge C: You're Gonna Flip!

Educational Focus: Teamwork, Storytelling, Puppet Design, Construction Design, Puppetry, Theater Arts, Visual Arts

The Destination: Where This Challenge Will Take You!

A man lives only for money. Flip! After a visit by three ghosts, he discovers how to love people. That's Ebenezer Scrooge. A young Kansas girl feels so unloved at home that she wants to run away. Flip! 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! What's better than using a team-created puppet and a piece of Live Visual Art to help tell your Story? You're Gonna Flip over this Challenge!

Points of Interest! Your team will:

- Present an Original Story dramatizing how a Character experiences a Flip, or a change of point of view, about someone or something.
- Design, construct, and feature at least one Puppet as a character in the Story.
- Create a piece of Live Visual Art that is to be completely produced during the Presentation.
- Create two *Side Trips* and integrate them into the Presentation.

Challenge D: Do or DI®

Educational Focus: Improvisational acting, story development, teamwork, research skills

The Destination: Where This Challenge Will Take You!

Going... Going... Gone? A Threatened Thing is in danger of extinction, and YOU are its only hope for survival! With a Stock Character and an Unimpressive Superpower, can you save the Great Barrier Reef, the Giant Panda, or even landline telephones? 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!

Points of Interest! Your team will:

- Create a five-minute Improvisational Skit about a Threatened Thing in danger of extinction. This must be done in a seven-minute Preparation Time period at the Tournament.
- Present a Skit using a Stock Character randomly selected from a list of stock characters that the team has previously researched.
- Incorporate props and/or scenery to enhance the Skit.
- Integrate a randomly selected Unimpressive Superpower that is revealed during the Skit.

Challenge E: Breaking DI® News

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

The Destination: Where This Challenge Will Take You!

Extra, Extra! Read all about it! DI teams make headlines building a structure that holds the most and weighs the least. Choose this Challenge and your team will reduce your props, reuse a story and recycle a newspaper all to prove that you can do more with less!

Points of Interest! Your team will:

- Design, build, and test a Structure made only of newsprint and glue.
- Reduce the props and scenery used in the Presentation to fit inside a 30in x 24in x 48in (76.20cm x 60.96cm x 121.92cm) container.
- Reuse a story about a Newsworthy Event in a nation other than your own.
- Recycle newsprint by using it creatively in a costume or prop.
- Create two Side Trips and integrate them into the Presentation

Rising Stars!® Weighty News (grades K-2 only, non-competitive program)

Educational Focus: Architecture and Structure, News Reporting, Research, Mathematics, Performing in front of an audience, Team problem solving, Teamwork

The Destination: Where This Challenge Will Take You!

News here, news there...news, news everywhere! A Structure has been discovered. It is made of newspaper and tape. What could it be? Why is it here? What does it look like? How strong is it? How can it be used? So many questions! Maybe if we see a newscast about it, the reporters will have some answers. Let's watch and see what's new in the news!

Parent/Student Nomination Form
Destination Imagination
 2009-2010

Student Name: _____ **School:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Please complete this nomination form in order to be considered for a DI team this year and return it before November 23 to the GT Staff person in your child's building.

OHS: Mr. Pforsich **OMS:** Ms. Radl **RCI:** Ms. Pieper **BKE:** Ms. Katsaros-Molzahn **PVE:** Ms. Pauli **NKE:** Ms. Koenig

Team managers will select teams from forms turned in. All students will not be assigned to a team if we do not have enough volunteer managers! Please volunteer!

Questions? Contact Scott Lein at 835-4097 or srl@oregonsd.net . Thank you!

Check level of performance for each area:

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
Ability to Work with Others & For Team				
Leadership				
Constructive Energy				
Positive Humor				
Problem Solving Ability				
Quick Thinking Ability/Brainstorming				
Creativity				
Mechanical Ability (Hands, Tools)				
Artistic/Musical Ability				
Acting Ability				

Comments _____

Has there been previous participation in *Odyssey of the Mind* or *Destination Imagination*?
 Yes ___ No ___

This information will be shared with parent managers as they select team members.

Signature of student: _____

Signature of parent: _____

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Select top two challenges, indicate competition level, and summarize your availability.

Level: please circle one	Days available for DI	Parent involvement: circle one or more
<p>Primary: K-2nd grade (Rising Stars)</p> <p>Elementary: grades K-5, not reaching 12 yrs. by June 15</p> <p>Middle: grades 6-8, not reaching 15 yrs. by June 15</p> <p>Secondary: grades 9-12, not reaching 19 yrs. by June 15</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p>	<p>Coach or co-manage a team</p> <p>Volunteer at practices</p> <p>Judge regional meet</p> <p>Organize fund raiser</p> <p>Other:</p>
<p>Choice of Challenges:</p> <p>First Choice:</p> <p>Second Choice:</p>		