



Questions you might have about DI . . .

What is Destination Imagination?

Destination ImagiNation is an innovative organization that teaches creativity, teamwork and problem solving. There are five competitive challenges from which teams choose, each with its own educational focus. Teams are tested to think on their feet and work together to devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the challenges. Students gain lifelong critical and creative thinking skills as they learn to work together to achieve goals. And most importantly, the students have FUN!!

Is Destination ImagiNation for gifted students only?

DI is for everyone! Every student is gifted and creative. The question is not “if”, but “how” are you gifted and how are you creative?”

Is this part of the After-care program?

No, DI is not part of the After-care program. But children in that program can participate in DI.

How are the DI teams structured?

Each team can have up to 7 students and competes either at the Elementary level or the Middle School level.

How are the teams formed?

All elementary students will meet together for three Wednesdays (Sept 22nd, 29th and October 6th) after school until 4pm. The purpose of these three meetings is to give the students a chance to experience DI and decide if they want to commit to participating. Katherine Koonce and Susan Carpenter will form the teams. The teams and their members will be posted on the website on October 8th.

When do the DI teams meet?

Once the teams have been finalized, each team will decide when and where they will meet. Teams will meet once a week for about an hour and a half. As the competition gets closer, teams will probably elect to add an additional day to their practice schedule.

How much parent involvement is needed?

Each team must have parents to serve as a team manager and assistant team manager. These parents will run the weekly meetings. Also needed, are two parents that will volunteer at the Regional (and possibly State) competitions. There will be a Team Manager training session on Saturday, Oct 16th, 8am – noon. There will also be training in November if you cannot attend the October training. The competition volunteers (appraisers) will have a training session on February 19th, 8am – noon.

What is the cost?

The initial cost is \$40 per student. Depending on which challenge the team chooses, there may be an additional cost of up to \$25-\$50 per student. Some challenges have minimal additional cost, and one of the challenges does not have any additional cost.

When is the Competition?

Regional Competition is March 5, 2011 at Brentwood Middle School

State Competition is April 16, 2011 at David Lipscomb University

What dates do I need to mark on my calendar?

Sept. 22, 29 and Oct 6: (3 – 4pm) DI introductory meetings

Sept 29: Student and Parent Informational Form and fee payment due

Oct 8: Teams posted online

Oct 13: Registration form and payment due

Oct 16: (8am – noon) Team manager training

Feb 19: Tournament volunteer training

Mar 5 (tentative): Regional tournament

April 9: State tournament