



OREGON DESTINATION IMAGINATION

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Destination ImagiNation® the largest world-wide creative problem solving program, has proven to be one of the most successful programs to supplement a rigorous educational curriculum for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Destination ImagiNation® (also known as DI) has partnered with Dr. Don Treffinger and the Center for Creative Learning to develop the methods and processes that are the foundation of DI. Teams of educators from around the country use proven Creative Problem Solving (CPS) techniques to enhance the learning experience for kids, while emphasizing the FUN!

If you are looking for an enrichment program for your students, Destination ImagiNation® offers a very high quality creative problem solving program for students across the state. Oregon DI provides training, activities, and tournaments throughout Oregon to support the hundreds of students who form teams to do DI each year.

Beginning in the fall and working toward Regional Tournament in late February or early March, students in Destination ImagiNation® use what they have learned in the classroom to work together in teams of up to 7 students to solve one of five central challenges. The focus of each challenge varies, emphasizing dramatic and artistic skills, or technical and mechanical skills in varying degrees. Throughout the year the teams also practice improvisational Instant Challenges that stimulate the team's ability to think quickly and creatively. Most teams in Oregon are facilitated by parent managers. Through this program students learn brainstorming and creative thinking skills, project and time management, and presentation skills, while having a great time. New this year a sixth challenge for Mid and High School students involving community service called Project Outreach. In addition we have a program sponsored by the Association of Equipment Manufacturers for student interested in the engineering or the construction industry. Call for more information.

Our regional directors, as well as our 20-year veteran Oregon director, are eager to assist you in bringing DI to your community or neighborhood. To learn more about DI, we encourage you to visit the web links below:

TRY DI FREE!

Interested in DI? Try it **FREE** for 2008-2009! We have a limited number of DI Free memberships available to schools that have not had DI teams in the past 5 years. This program waives the cost of the national membership fee (\$135), but teams would be responsible for state fees to participate in Oregon tournaments. Contact Karen Anderson (541/754-3811 or OregonDI@comcast.net) or contact your Region Director, if you are interested in this program.

www.oregondi.org The Oregon DI web site includes general program information, a state calendar, state registration materials, training information, a school newsletter article, plus the *DI Program Guide*, a complete guide to starting a team in Destination ImagiNation.

www.idodi.org The national Destination ImagiNation web site includes previews of the 2008-09 challenges as well as other useful program information. A link to the national membership registration site, www.shopdi.org is located on the front page. In order to receive the complete challenges, Rules of the Road, and Team Manager Guides, a national membership must be purchased.

www.oregondi.org/regions.htm The link to region directors and the configuration of each region in Oregon.

We are anxious to share information about our program. We have brochures, posters, newsletter articles, and other materials ready for you to use. We have instituted a mentor program for new team managers. To schedule an information night for your school or district, please contact either your local regional director or the affiliate director. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you a creative year!

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