DESTINATION IMAGINATION IS...

an international creative problem-solving program operating under the auspices of the non-profit Destination ImagiNation Inc. in 48 states and 30 countries.

It is a program for students in kindergarten through college that teaches life skills and expands imagination through team-based creative problem solving while meeting the Educational Standards.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI) EMPHASIZES...

- Creativity
- Divergent thinking skills
- Generating ideas
- Presentation Skills
- Teamwork and team leadership
- Research Skills
- Project Management and budgeting
- Knowledge Application
- Confidence

DESTINATION IS FUN!

DI is also

- Student centered
- Technology friendly

And DI is a program that is continually evolving with our ever-changing world.

HOW DI WORKS

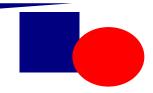
Destination ImagiNation is supported by chartered affiliates (U.S. states, Canadian provinces and other nations) working together to offer a global, youth-centered, creative problem solving program. The Oregon affiliate has operated creative problem solving activities of this type for almost 30 years.

DI teams consist of five to seven students who join together under the guidance of Team Managers to solve one of five Main Challenges. Teams also work on Instant Challenges that test the team's ability to work quickly and creatively as a team.

Teams work during the school year and then present their solution to their Main Challenge and an Instant Challenge at a Regional Tournament, where trained appraisers score the solution, using specified criteria. The Oregon DI affiliate offers four Regional Tournaments throughout the state the first weekend in March. Those teams scoring highest in each challenge advance to the State Tournament held each April.

WHO MANAGES THE TEAM?

Anyone can be a Team Manager! You need only a sincere interest in working with students, time, and the approval of team member's parents/guardians. Experience as a teacher is not necessary to be successful. The DI team members generate the solution to the challenges and all aspects of that solution (costumes, props, etc.). No outside interference is allowed from parents, Team Managers, classmates or anyone not on the team. Training for Team Managers is available each fall.



HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

To use the materials for a year, you must first purchase a **national membership**, based on the number of students participating:

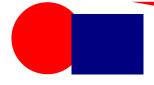
- Single Team for up to 7 students: anyone could join this membership; cost is \$135.
- 5-Team Pak: allows up to 5 teams from a school or community group to do any of the challenges; cost is \$390.

Second, **register with Oregon DI.** This fee covers the expenses of the state program as well as regional and state tournament fees, and is \$125 per team (\$50 for primary students on noncompetitive teams).

HELP IS AVAILABLE

Team Manager Training Sessions are available each fall in every region. Sessions are open to all Team Managers, parent helpers, and school coordinators in the state. Training dates are set early each fall. Please contact your Region Director or the Affiliate Director to register for training or other assistance. Training dates will also be posted on the state website.

Training for Appraisers for Regional Tournaments. Each February regions hold workshops to train the appraisers for the upcoming tournaments. Contact the Region Director nearest you if you are interested in volunteering as an appraiser.



GETTING STARTED

Teams must be registered by January 10th.
To register and download challenge materials.
Go to www.idodi.org then click on
www.shopdi.org to purchase a membership
(complete step by step printable registration instructions are available at
www.oregondi.org). Contact the Regional
Director nearest you, if you need assistance.

Once a membership is purchased, a CD of the complete challenges and rulebooks as well as all printed materials will be sent for each team in a membership.

Recruit Team Managers and form teams of up to 7 students (we recommend 5 to 7 members).

Register each team with Oregon Destination ImagiNation (forms on Oregon website) no later that January 10 of the competition year. Additional fees will be assessed after that date.

Attend Team Manager training.

INFORMATION

For more information, or to schedule an information night or training for your district, contact the Affiliate Director, Karen Anderson, the Region Director in your area, or check out these web sites:

Oregon DI web site: www.oregondi.org
National DI web site: www.idodi.org

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