

# Barnesville Schools Destination Imagination (DI)

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Destination ImagiNation is an international organization for K-12th graders, teaching them life skills and expanding their imaginations through team-based creative problem solving. The purpose of Destination ImagiNation is to teach teamwork and life-long skills. Our goal is to cultivate the creative problem solving process and make an unconscious part of the student's everyday lives. Instant challenges are designed to teach students how to quickly assess problem components and the steps necessary to resolve short-term issues. Team challenges build student confidence through commitment to task and group interaction. The emphasis is on FUN!

Team challenges are academically based and include a research component. Challenges focus on one or more of the following areas: technical/mechanical, structural/architectural, theatrical/library/fine arts, scientific exploration, and improvisation.

Teams compete against other teams according to grade level. The divisions are: Primary (non-competitive) K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Teams consist of up to seven students. Teams may compete with fewer than seven students but no more than seven students may contribute to the development and presentation of the challenge solution.

The number of teams formed each year depends on the number of volunteers. Each team must have at least one adult manager. Parents, grandparents and other responsible adults are needed and welcome to help support a team. Every year we have disappointed children because a manager can't be found for their team. Remember- Team managers will receive training and help as needed.

Questions? Call 425-2049 Vickie Doudna



# EDUCATOR SUMMARY

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Destination Imagination (DI) is an educational non-profit that teaches the creative process to 200,000 students each year from pre-K to university level.
- Our program takes place across 48 states and more than 30 countries including Canada, Turkey, Korea, Guatemala, Poland, China, Qatar, Brazil and Singapore.
- A 2011 study by the University of Virginia Curry School of Education found students who participated in DI significantly outperformed non-DI students on standard assessments of creative thinking, critical thinking, and creative problem solving.
- DI-TV has recorded interviews from educators, parents, corporations and teams that attest to the value of the Destination Imagination program.

**The goal of the program is to prepare students for college and careers in the new economy.**

### WHO

Students in grades K-12 and universities form teams of two to seven members. Each team needs an adult Team Manager. Team Managers help students stay on track but do not directly help the team develop its solution to the DI Challenge. Team Managers are often faculty members or parents.

### WHAT

There are seven new DI Challenges to choose from each year. Each of the Challenges is developed by a team of educators and industry experts who target a particular area of the curriculum and its related standards of content and performance. The areas of focus include: Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Structural and Service Learning. There is also a non-competitive Early Learning Challenge that allows kids to build social and problem solving skills.

### WHEN

Each season takes place from August through May. Teams typically spend two to four months developing and practicing their Challenge solutions.

### WHERE

Tournaments typically take place in local schools. And, while most schools run DI as an after-school program, some school districts incorporate the program into their electives curriculum.

### WHY

Teams in our program improve in creative thinking, critical thinking, and collaborative problem solving. Participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships, and learn to work together. The creative process is about 21st century learning where students experience project management, creativity, imagination, collaboration and communication.

**START A TEAM / 888.321.1503 / ASKDI@DIHQ.ORG**

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# DESTINATION IMAGINATION APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE FOR <sup>2015-2016</sup> (2014-2015) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN D.I.? \_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN

AS A PARENT I AM WILLING TO HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAY(S)

TEAM MANAGER       CO-TEAM MANAGER       FUND RAISER

APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE BY <sup>9/28/2015</sup> ~~9/24/2014~~ THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS K-12.

ANY APPLICATIONS TURNED IN AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED IF THERE IS AN OPENING.

WE ALWAYS HAVE MORE STUDENTS THEN TEAM MANAGERS. PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A TEAM MANAGER.

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL: VICKIE DOUDNA AT 425-2049.