

Destination Imagination

❖ What is Destination Imagination??

Groups of up to seven students work together on a skit that solves a "challenge". They use creativity and teamwork in areas of performance arts, building props, writing, acting and inventing devices to be used in the skit.

1st and 2nd grade teams participate in a non-competitive program called "Rising Stars". They will have a challenge that they will work on and may perform for their classes during school in early March and will perform at the tournament.

3rd -8th grade teams compete in a judged and scored competition in one of five challenge areas.

❖ DI Tournament is tentatively scheduled for a **Saturday, March 28th, 2009**. All participants must be available on the day of the tournament. Location and specific times are still to be determined.

❖ Time commitments vary by team and will be determined by the team managers. In general, the older teams will follow a schedule like this:

December - meet once

January- begin weekly meetings

February- weekly meetings continue with some longer weekend or evening workshops to construct props, inventions, etc.

March tournament- very busy with last minute meetings and rehearsals.

❖ Interference- 3rd-8th grade teams are not allowed any outside help or ideas in solving their challenge. They can be penalized at the tournament. This is their solution and their creativity. Team managers help direct meetings, but the kids must do all the work.

❖ 1st and 2nd graders have fewer rules and are allowed some adult help with the intent being to allow the creativity to come from the children. If the children can't build something, then it shouldn't be included in the performance.

❖ Team managers and Assistants are what make this program a success. All parents are asked to coach or volunteer in some way to make the program a success. Each team of students must provide its' own manager.

❖ Each team must also provide one judge the day of the tournament. This person will be required to attend one morning of training and be available all day of the tournament.

❖ \$40 per child registration helps cover the cost of materials and tournament registration fees.