



DESTINATION IMAGINATION!

Destination Imagination (idodi.org) is an international non-profit organization which is dedicated to challenging students to exercise their creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. The Destination Imagination program is an after-school activity in which students work in teams to solve challenges. Each team selects and solves a Team Challenge from a yearly list, as well as a series of Instant Challenges. At the end of the season, teams go to a tournament and present their Team Challenge solutions to judges and audiences. The highest-placing teams at regional tournaments can go on to state/country-level tournaments.

Silverwood is considering sponsoring a DI team during the 2011-2012 school year (or several, if there's enough interest). Each team consists of 2 to 7 children plus an adult (parent) team manager. The DI season runs from September through May ; the regional tournament is in February. Teams meet regularly to solve Instant Challenges and work on their Team Challenge.

Here are some of the last season's Team Challenges, to give you an idea of what they look like:

- Technical: Unidentified Moving Object, in which teams design and build equipment to move various materials to and from towering heights, using no electrical power, with an accompanying sales presentation
- Scientific: Spinning a Tale, in which teams research energy cycles in the natural/physical world and develop and present an original three-act Circular Story that demonstrates knowledge of one energy cycle of the team's choice
- Improvisational: Mythology Mission, in which teams create a five-minute improvisational skit about a mission involving a mythical creature, incorporating research about a culture from a country, three souvenirs randomly selected from a list of items, and an unexpected problem that is discovered on stage
- Structural: Verses! Foiled Again!, in which teams design and build a structure made only of aluminum foil, wood, and glue, test how much weight the structure will hold, present a story about a character that is foiled, and integrate team-written and published verse into the story

If this sounds like an exciting challenge for your child, please let us know! We will also need one or more team managers, so if you're interested in managing a team, please indicate that as well.

___Yes, my child is interested in joining a DI team!

___Yes, I am interested in managing a DI team!

Child's name: _____

Parent's name: _____