

Destination ImagiNation Signup – 2009-2010

“The world is but a canvas to the imagination.” – Henry David Thoreau

To all CFISD Parents and Students-

Welcome to Destination ImagiNation!

Attached are the synopses of this year’s challenges. If your child would like to participate in DI this year, please return the form on the next page to the HORIZONS Office (Sandra.Stocks@cfisd.net) by **October 20th, 2009**.

A Volunteer Program!

DI is a volunteer-led program. The following positions are necessary in order for kids to participate. Please lend your support and volunteer as a Team Manager, Appraiser or help out at the Tournament if you can!

Team Manager: No experience necessary! Schedules meetings and ensures kids stay on track, gains them access to any community resources they need, facilitates Instant Challenges and provides adult supervision. The hardest job of a Team Manager is to REFRAIN from providing ideas or help with the Solution. Only the Team may work on the Solution. Time commitment can vary.

Appraiser: Every Team must provide two Appraisers. No experience necessary! Teachers, aunts, uncles, neighbors, coworkers, and older siblings all make great appraisers.

School Sponsor: Must be a CFISD employee. No experience necessary! Act as point of contact for the school. Ensures registrations are submitted properly; forms teams.

The program is open to ALL students!

Need additional info? Want to learn more? Please contact us today! And check the website at www.idodi.org.

Regards,
Sandra Stocks
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
District Coordinator for Destination ImagiNation
Sandra.Stocks@cfisd.net

Region Tournament Date:
Sat. 2/20/2010
Cinco Ranch, Katy

What is it?

Think of it as Creativity 101. Based on the concept of divergent thinking – understanding that there is more than one way to solve a problem – DI encourages kids to build on their strengths and to discover skills they never knew they possessed, be they technical, theatrical, analytical, comic, linguistic, musical... the list goes on!

There are two components to the program:

❖ Team Challenge

Written by experts in DI’s wacky brand of curriculum, Team Challenges purposely stimulate the different senses used to learn. Teams choose one Challenge and spend an extended amount of time perfecting their solution. This year’s team challenge synopses are attached. The full challenges are available upon registration.

❖ Instant Challenge

Teams hone their problem-solving skills as they practice coming up with solutions for Instant Challenges. Becoming comfortable with quick decision-making, and further developing teamwork are among the skills that Instant Challenges promote.

How does it work?

Teams meet weekly either at the school or at the Team Manager’s home. During these meetings, the teams work on their Team Challenges and practice Instant Challenges.

Teams access various resources in the community - the library, a construction site, a racetrack, a science lab or even an amusement park – wherever the teams might find information to help with one-of-a-kind solutions to the Challenge.

Teams present their solutions at regional and state tournaments. The program year concludes at an annual Global Finals, where top performing teams from all over the world gather to display their creative problem-solving abilities.

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Please return to HORIZONS Department, 10300 Jones Road, Room 721, Houston, TX 77065 by October 20th, 2009
Fax: 281.517.2697

Student Portion

Name _____

Address _____

Grade & Homeroom _____

Birth Date _____

Which DI challenges are you interested in solving?

First choice:

Second choice:

Third choice:

If possible, I would like to be on the same team as:

I would be unable to attend team meetings on the following days and times:

Cypress Fairbanks ISD Coordinator for Destination Imagination:

Sandra Stocks

Sandra.Stocks@cfisd.net

281.897.4075

Adult Portion

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check any of the following that apply – no experience necessary!

- I have been a DI Team Manager in the past, and would love to do it again.
- I have never been a DI Team Manager, but I'll consider it. Please contact me.
- I would be willing to manage a team if my child's participation depended on it.
- I would be willing to train and serve as an appraiser (one Saturday of training, one Saturday of appraising)
- I would be willing to donate two hours of my time on the day of the tournament – I understand that this will NOT interfere with my seeing my child's performance.
- I know someone who is interested in coaching/appraising/coordinating/volunteering.
Name: _____
Phone/Email: _____
- The program sounds interesting. I'd like more information before I consider volunteering. Please contact me.
- I would like to help with donations of inexpensive household materials for district teams. I will contact Sandra.Stocks@cfisd.net for more information!