



## CreateME October 2016 Newsletter

### Returning Teams, Team Managers, & Coordinators



In the last several newsletters you have heard us talk about growing the number of teams. We have spent a great deal of time and effort trying to bring new teams into the program as well as keeping the teams we have. We understand that there are coordinators, team managers and teams that return year after year. For that we are grateful and we want to make sure your contributions are

recognized. Last year we introduced Team Manager Resources with Lorrie Benn, who is a contact for any Team Manager with a questions. Her email is [managerresources@createme.org](mailto:managerresources@createme.org) In addition, we added some fun items such as the Team Manager Challenge and Instant Challenge Survival Kits. The bottom line is we want everyone who is returning, Coordinators, Team Managers, Team Members, Volunteers, and Parents to feel appreciated and that they have a personal stake in DI. If anyone has any suggestions, comments, or concerns, they are welcome to contact any of the Affiliate Personnel at any time. You can find our contact information at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/get-involved/contact-us/> We look forward to another fantastic season with all of you.

### Pin Challenge

CreateMe is holding a DI Pin Design Contest for our pins this year. The pin designs must:

- Have a Maine theme (lobsters, moose, etc.)
- Be Creative and Original (Be sure there is nothing included that is copyright material)
- Be submitted to [PinContest@createme.org](mailto:PinContest@createme.org) by December 1, 2016.

Are there prizes? I am glad you asked because, yes, there are.

- \$25 Visa Gift Card
- One set of 2017 Maine DI Pins
- One Maine DI t-shirt for the 2017 season
- Your picture on the CreatME website as the designer/idea originator.

Please keep in mind that although we will love your design and idea, we may have to tweak it to meet DI or manufacturer criteria. So, please do not be offended if your design is chosen and looks somewhat different in final production. Find more information on our website at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/maine-di-pins/>

So, get those creative juices flowing early and submit your ideas today.

## Team Diversity

The vast majority of DI teams in Maine come from school districts. But did you know that DI is not a program that is constrained to school? Over the last several years, we have had some recreation department sponsored teams. Our efforts to bring in new teams have also been an effort to diversify our team base. Going forward we hope to have new sponsoring organizations including home school groups, libraries, after school programs, and other business, civic and/or religious organizations in addition to new school districts. In order to accomplish this, we need your help. Please spread the word to organizations you belong to that DI is not just for schools. Any organization can help a team of children use their imagination while preparing for the future.

## Challenge Costs

This year the cost to purchase challenge materials differ base on the method you prefer. The amounts below include both the national and state fees and cover the costs for Regional Showcases and the State Celebration.

\$225 – Paper copies of the challenge materials

\$205 – Digital copies of the challenge materials

\$75 – Paper copies of Rising Star materials

\$65 – Digital copies of Rising Star materials.

You can find more information about ordering materials on our site at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/get-involved/start-a-team/>

## DI Events

We will be holding an Instant Challenge Workshop & Team Manager Training on Saturday November 12, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Washburn District High School.

We will also be holding a DI Family Fun Night at Dunn School in New Gloucester on Friday November 4, 2016.

You don't need to be from either of those districts in order to attend the events. They are open to all and we encourage anyone interested to attend.

We would like to hold events like this in different areas around the state. All we ask is that you give us a place and advertise the event. If you are interested please let contact Chad at [affiliatedirector@createme.org](mailto:affiliatedirector@createme.org) or Tim at [growthdirector@createme.org](mailto:growthdirector@createme.org)

## Calendar

9/1/16 – Challenges materials can be obtained.

November - Gray New Gloucester DI Family Fun Night – Dunn School New Gloucester Maine

11/12/16 – Instant Challenge Workshop & Team Manager Training – Washburn District High School

1/20/17 – Registration with CreateME is due.

1/21/17 – Instant Challenge Workshop - Gray New Gloucester High School

TBD - Regional Showcases

3/18/17 - State Celebration



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