



CreateME October 2017 Newsletter

Ready, Set, DI

We are into the second month of school, the fall sports seasons are wrapping up and, if you haven't already, there is no better time to start preparing for DI! Team registrations became available on September 1st and we already have teams signed up. Last year we saw a small increase in teams and we are confident that the outreach we have done will bring in even more teams. For those of you who may be new to DI,, or considering joining, please don't feel alone. We want to help and support you as much as we can. There are two events happening in the next few weeks to help jump start your season.

Southern Maine Team Manager Training - October 28 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Gray New Gloucester High School, 10 Libby Hill Road Gray, ME 04039

Northern Maine Team Manager Training – November 4 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Southside School - 65 South Street Houlton, ME 04730

These sessions are for team managers, and anyone interested in the DI program. If you are thinking about DI or about starting a team, please come and learn about the program beside new and returning team managers. There is no better way to jump start the DI season than to be surrounded by people who are as excited about DI as you!

At the meetings we will preview this year's challenges, discuss registering and starting a team, team meetings, answer your questions, and get some hands on experience.

We look forward to seeing you!

State Celebration

This year the State Celebration will be held at Bangor High School. The space will allow us to continue having our theater style closing with lots of excitement. In addition, one of the big

draws of this space is that it is large enough to house all events under one roof. That means once you are inside you can stay inside. No more carrying props between buildings in the rain and snow! CreateME is excited about this change and we are exploring ways that this venue can help us have the best State Celebration yet.

Registration

Important - Signing up is a little different this season. You, or your coordinator, will be able to purchase team registration numbers as in the past. Once you have a team registration number you, the Team Manager, will need to log into the resource area of www.destinationimagination.org and create an account. Once your account has been created you will be asked to choose which challenge your team would like to solve. Once you pick the challenge you will be given access to the challenge materials for that challenge. DI received many comments about this new procedure and has revised it somewhat. If your team wants more information you can change the challenge listed in the resource area as many times as you like prior to the deadline (which will be in January). Each time you change you will be given digital access to the challenge materials. Upon request, DI will also provide one written copy of the challenge of your choice. However, any additional requests for written copies will result in an additional fee.

The fees for this season have also changed. The national DI fee for all teams, including rising stars, is \$105. The state registration fee is \$125 for all teams except rising stars. Rising stars do not have a state fee. Both fees are collected at the same time when you obtain your team registration.

More details can be found at www.createme.org and www.destinationimagination.org.

Challenge Previews

There are some exciting challenges waiting for all of us this season.

The challenge highlights are:

Technical – Maze Craze – design and build a device that will navigate a tournament provided maze; design and build a prop that will transform in the maze; design and build a way to remove an object from the maze; and present a story about a journey through the maze.

Scientific – Unlikely Attraction – explore scientific concepts used in amusement park attractions; design and build an attraction that uses scientific concepts during its operation; present a story that features the attraction in an unlikely location; and portray the unlikely location using sights and sounds.

Engineering – Drop Zone – design, build and test a freestanding structure that can withstand impacts from dropped weights; tell a story about a sudden event with a dramatic impact; and design and create a visible or audible depiction of the story's sudden event.

Fine Arts – Change the Tune – create and design a musical that includes a change in plans; include music and lyrics that enhance the storytelling; create and present a spectacle as part of the musical; and design and integrate a set change into the musical.

Improvisational – Treasure! – research different cultures and famous explorers; create and present an improvisational skit about a quest to return a lost cultural treasure to its owner; and integrate two explorers and a prop into the quest.

Service Learning – Inside Impact – Identify, design, carry out, and evaluate a project that addresses a real need in a real community; create a live presentation that highlights the project and the impact it made on the community; create infographics that include information about the project; and create a storage device that transforms as the story of the project unfolds.

Early Learning – Friends Everywhere – explore how children of different cultures live , learn and play; present a play that tells a story about two different cultures; present similarities and differences between the two cultures; design and build a prop that will transform and be used in two different ways; and create costumes and scenery to help tell the story.

This year, each challenge has a preview video. All videos can be viewed at <https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/2017-18-challenge-previews/> Due to changes in the registration process this may become an important part of your team’s decision making process. I encourage you to watch them all.

Instant Challenge Resources

Having trouble with Instant Challenges? Have you been a Team Manager for a while and are looking for new challenges. Check out our Instant Challenge Library at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/instant-challenge-practice-sets-2/> There are hundreds of pages of challenges and you are certain to find something that is just right.

Calendar

9/1/17 – Team Registrations Available

10/28/17 – Southern Region Team Manager Training from 9-12 (Gray New Gloucester High School)

11/4/17 – Northern Region Team Manager Training from 9-12 (Southside School - Houlton)

2/3/18 – Instant Challenge Workshop from 9-12 (Gray New Gloucester High School)
Preregistration to growthdirector@createme.org required

3/3/18 – Regional Showcase (Gray New Gloucester High School)

3/10/18 – Regional Showcase (Hampden Academy)

3/24/18 - State Celebration (Bangor High School)

You can find additional details and contact information about these activities and more on our calendar, <http://www.createme.org/index.php/events/>

If you are interested in holding an event, please let us know. We would be happy to help.

Have a question or comment? Contact us at help@createme.org.

