



# CreateME December 2018 Newsletter

## Tournament Registration

It's that time of year! The snow is falling, teams are meeting, and challenges are in the process of being solved. If you have not purchased a team number yet, don't worry, there is still time, but you need to purchase it soon. Once you have your team number registration is a two step process.

1. Log into the resource area of [www.destinationimagination.org](http://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.
2. Register you team for the Regional Showcases and State Celebration. You can find an instruction guide and links to the registration form on our website at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/tournament-registration/> The process is quick and simple. Once you sign up your team you will receive links to send to your parents and appraiser to fill out their part.

Even if you can't complete the registration process, we ask you to start as soon as possible. By choosing a challenge and beginning the registration process the CreateMe team can start planning the showcases and state celebration. Thank you for your help with this process.

## Instant Challenge Workshop

Having trouble with Instant Challenges? Gray New Gloucester will be hosting an Instant Challenge Workshop on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Workshop will give teams a chance to practice instant challenges in a fun stress free environment. This workshop is free and open to all teams in the state. However, you must preregister by e-mailing Tim Terranova at [growthdirector@createme.org](mailto:growthdirector@createme.org) with your team name and number of team members. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you can't make it to the workshop, we still have resources for you. 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.

## Team Extras

Even though your team wants to get the central challenge completed, don't forget about some of the fun stuff.

- **Team Name** – Teams come up with wonderful and wacky names each year. Have your team spend some time coming up with a name that is right for them. This can also serve as a good team building exercise.
- **Team Flag** – Each team is invited to make a flag (approximately 2x3) The flags may be related to your team challenge, or may show team personality. It is a time to have fun, show some additional creativity, and show your team pride.
- **Team Shirts** – Although not mandatory, many teams come up with team shirts. This can be as simple as having the team name on it, or as complicated as the team would like. It is amazing to see all the amazing colors and designs. It can also be a good way to keep track of your team if they pick a bright color no one else picks.

Working on these items gives the team a chance to interact in different ways other than just working on challenges. They also give the team a “change of scenery” which can help the overall process in the long run.

## Team Manager Tips

Several years ago, Destination News and Updates included an article with eight tips for new team managers. These tips are still relevant and I think you will find the list a good resource whether you are a new or experienced Team Manager.

1. **Find a Co-Team Manager** – Ask a friend to be your partner in crime.
2. **Find a Mentor** – Find someone who has been a Team Manager before and can answer questions such as “Is this interference” or “my team dynamics are not working, what do I do?” If you have a question you can contact CreateME's Team Manager Resource Coordinator Lorrie at [managerresources@createme.org](mailto:managerresources@createme.org) or any of the CreateME team
3. **Go to Team Manager Training** – Team Manager Training is a great resource and a great place to meet your peers and make new friends.

4. **Read** – The information you receive when you register may seem overwhelming, but it is helpful. Don't read it all at once, but read it and then refer to it when you have questions.
5. **Get Volunteers** – Snacks, carpooling, instant challenge materials and more. What skills and talents do your parents have that they could share with the team?
6. **Learn how to ask questions and listen** – It's hard not to give the team answers. Work on asking them open-ended questions and watch the results.
7. **Laugh** – If you're not having fun, your team is not having fun. Enjoy the process with them and show them you know how to have fun.
8. **Enjoy the process** – As you continue the process you will see the team members grow and learn new skills. You are a part of that.

## State Celebration

This year the State Celebration will be held on March 23, 2019 at Bangor High School. We heard lots of great feedback about the space last year and are working on making an unforgettable celebration experience. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please let us know.

## Global Finals

Global Finals is moving to Kansas City Missouri! The move is expected to have many benefits, including having all the challenges under one roof and the ability to customize accommodations. Global Finals will be held May 22-25, 2019.

## Calendar

9/1/18 – Team Registrations Available

1/19/19 – Instant Challenge Workshop (Gray New Gloucester)

3/2/19 – Northern Regional Showcase (Hampden Academy)

3/9/19 – Southern Regional Showcase (Gray New Gloucester)

3/23/19 – State Celebration (Bangor High School)

5/22/19 – Global Finals (Kansas City)

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](mailto:help@createme.org).



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