



CreateME February 2017 Newsletter

Registrations

Team Registration has technically closed, but there are still 16 teams that have not finished their registrations. Even though you, or your coordinator, have purchased your registration number and challenge materials you still need to register with CreateME. We cannot complete the Showcase schedules and plan the state celebration without the registrations. Please complete your registrations as soon as possible.

In order to register you will need your registration number. Information and a link to the registration can be found at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/tournament-registration/>

In order to help with this new process we have a registration guide, which can be found on the site above. **If you have any questions about registering, please contact us at help@createme.org.**

Help! My Team Is Not Ready!

There comes a time in every DI season when you realize how much time has gone by and how little you have left before the State Celebration. Panic sets in when you realize that your team is nowhere near ready and you have no idea how they will ever finish in time. Don't worry! Okay, worry a little, but don't stress too much. The team will pull it together. However, there are some steps your team can take to help.

- Make sure your team knows how much time is left and how many practices are left.
- Have the team create a list of what needs to be done and a schedule for getting it done.
- There may be parts of the solution that can be worked on outside of practice. Have the team give themselves assignments.
- If needed, add an extra practice or two. A Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon can change your whole perspective.

In the end, remember that even if the solution is not perfect, it is the journey that matters. Your team may not win their division, but your leadership has helped them create skills that will allow them to succeed their entire lives. Regardless of the outcome, remember how far they have come.

Regional Showcases

The regional showcases are quickly approaching. We currently have 22 signed up for the Northern Regional Showcase, 13 for the Southern Regional Showcase, 7 for the State Celebration only, and 11 have not said which they are attending. For many of you the regional showcase will be your first experience of a DI tournament. Even if your team solution is not perfect, this is the perfect time to introduce your team to the experience in a non-competitive atmosphere. We encourage you all to take advantage of the opportunity. Here are a few hints to help everyone have a great day.

- Even if your team has not completed its entire challenge they should still attend. Attending will give them a chance to practice what they have completed in front of an audience and to see what works or what does not. It may also give the team that little extra push to focus on their task. Remember, all teams go onto the state celebration, so it is to your team's advantage to attend the showcase.
- We will create a schedule as soon as possible. However, some teams have not completed registration and we need to wait for all teams.
- Upon arriving, there will be a person for the Team Manager to check-in with. They will be able to direct your team to the holding area.
- Parents, family, and friends are welcome to watch the central challenge, but not the instant challenge. They are also welcome to watch other central challenge solutions.
- All of the tournament paperwork needs to be completed and the correct number of copies provided.
- We will try to make the showcase mirror what will happen at the state celebration. This means that your team will present their Central Challenge and participate in an Instant Challenge. The only difference is that teams will receive sticky notes, but not scores.
- Sticky notes are notes the appraisers provide to teams with positive comments about things they really liked in the team's solution. You can check with the head appraiser for your challenge about half an hour after your team's performance to pick them up.
- CreateMe feels it is very important to give every team a chance to perform in front of appraisers and an audience prior to coming to the state competition. The teams put in a great amount of effort and this gives them a chance to try out their ideas without the pressure of a competition. For example, one team last year learned that their background would not fit through the door. They were able to fix that prior to the state celebration. In addition, the showcase gives us a chance to provide on the job training for our appraisers. This gives them an understanding of what is expected so they are better prepared for the state celebration.

- Your team's volunteer is only needed at the state celebration. They do not need to attend the showcase unless they want to watch.
- Each of the schools hosting the showcases has the opportunity to use this as a fundraiser for their DI programs. This is a fantastic opportunity for these programs and your support is appreciated. Stay tuned for more information regarding the fundraising that will be happening at each site.
- Ask questions. This is a learning opportunity for your team and you. Make the most of it.

We hope this answers some of your questions and look forward to seeing you there.

Team Manager Challenge

The State Celebration will feature the second annual Team Manager Challenge. This is a chance for you to take part in the action and solve your own challenge. The winner will receive the 2017 Team Manager Trophy. Last year's challenge featured fantastic skits and great competition. Join us and see if you can unseat the reigning champion or if she will make it two years in a row. The challenge is listed below. Preregistration is required. Please contact Tim Terranova at growthdirector@createme.org to sign up.

As with last year, we are looking for guest appraisers. We would like one appraiser from each of the levels: rising stars; elementary; middle, senior, and university. If you would like to nominate a team member please send an email to Tim Terranova at growthdirector@createme.org with the name, team and challenge. If there are multiple nominations at a level, the guest appraiser will be picked at random.

The Great Escape

Challenge: Your challenge is to present a skit in which you solve a problem and escape from a room using a team created gadget made out of duct tape and pipe cleaners.

Time: You will have 1 minute to incorporate an unknown problem into your solution and create your team gadget. You will have up to 5 minutes to present your solution.

Scene: You are a team manager who is locked in a room with your team. They are driving you crazy and you want to get out, but the only door is locked from the outside and you do not have the key. There is a small window approximately ten feet off the floor. While in the room you will experience an unexpected problem. You must use your team created gadget to solve the problem and get you out of the room.

Procedure:

Part 1: You will pick a random problem prior to the beginning of part 1. The problem will be revealed to you and your one minute planning time will begin. You will have one minute to

incorporate the problem into your solution and create your team gadget. The gadget does not need to be finished during part 1.

Part 2: You will have 5 minutes to present your solution. The problem may be incorporated at any time during the presentation. The gadget must be used to solve both the unexpected problem and the problem of being stuck in the room.

Materials:

Duct tape

Pipe Cleaners

Your team – This is a chance for you to work with your team. Have fun!

Scoring:

Up to 30 points for the creativity of your solution

20 points if your solution has a beginning, middle, and end

Up to 30 points for the creativity of your gadget and its incorporation into the skit

Up to 20 points for how well you work with your team

Team Managers – You are not alone!

Sometimes Team Managers feel like they are on their own, with no help in sight. This is not true. CreateME wants to serve as a resource to all Team Managers. These Newsletters are one way we can provide information. Our Team Manager contact Lorrie, managerresources@createme.org is another. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources CreateME has to offer and to contact us with questions. We want you to have as great a year as your team.

Calendar

2/25/17 - Northern Regional Showcase - Hampden Academy

3/4/17 - Southern Regional Showcase - Gray New Gloucester High School

3/18/17 - State Celebration - University of Maine Orono

5/24/17 - Global Celebration in Knoxville Tennessee

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.

