



CreateME February 2018 Newsletter

Tournament Season is upon us!

Regional Showcases are less than a month away and the State Celebration is just over a month from now. AHHHHHHH! If that's how you're feeling, don't worry. If you talk to other team managers they all feel this way. Take a deep breath. It will be okay.

Remember DI is about the journey. The State Celebration is just that, a celebration of each team's journey throughout the year.

There are some things you can do to help all of us make the showcases and the State Celebration

Registration

There are still teams, who have purchased team numbers, who have not registered with CreateME.

We cannot plan the schedule for the showcases or the State Celebration until all the teams have registered. Please register your teams using the information below.

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.

*****IMPORTANT*****After you have registered with www.destinationimagination.org you must complete your state registration by going to www.Registeryourteam.org This must be done as soon as possible. Thank you for your help with this.

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

Appraisers Needed

CreateME needs appraisers to help at the showcases and State Celebration. Each team is responsible for providing one appraiser, but there is nothing stopping teams from recruiting additional appraisers. If you know of people who are interested in helping students have a fantastic experience, please have them contact our Training Manager, Bret, at trainingdirector@createme.org

Volunteers

Teams no longer need to provide a volunteer for the regional showcase or the state celebration. However, if your team has someone who would like to volunteer for the state celebration, please let us know in advance so we can have a job ready for them. Volunteers give some time during the day, but are able to watch their team's performance. High school junior and seniors can earn volunteer time. Please contact Lorrie Benn at managerresources@createme.org if you have someone who would like to volunteer.

Paperwork

You need to make sure your team paperwork is completed for both the showcase and the State Celebration. At the back of each of your challenge materials are the Tournament Data Forms. In addition to those forms you need the Expense Report and Declaration of Independence, which you can find at the back of the Rules of the Road. Please make sure your teams complete them before arriving at the showcase.

Regional Showcases

The Regional Showcases will be run like the State Celebration with one major difference. It is a time for training and for teams to practice and work the bugs out. There will be feedback but **NO** scores will be provided. We will try to get the schedule out about two weeks in advance, but this is dependent on teams registering.

Instant Challenge Workshop

13 teams participated in the Instant Challenge Workshop at Gray New Gloucester High School on February 3rd. The teams ranged from rising stars to high school and they took part in six different challenges which included acting, building with lasagna and making wind powered vehicles.

Team Managers – You are not alone!

Sometimes Team Managers feel like they are on their own, with no help in sight. This is especially true when they are new and learning about DI themselves. This is not case. CreateME wants to serve as a resource to all Team Managers. These Newsletters are one way we can provide information. In addition, our Team Manager contact

Lorrie, managerresources@createme.org is another resource. If you have questions, she has answers. 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

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.

