



# CreateME March 2017 Newsletter

## The State Tournament is here!

We had two fantastic Regional Showcases, with lots of fun and excitement. Now we turn our attention to Orono and the State Tournament. We are excited to see everyone this Saturday and are looking forward to a great day of amazing challenge solutions.

We understand that the day can be overwhelming, especially for first time team managers. So, take a deep breath and have fun. We want your experience to be as great as your team's. If you have questions or need help, let us know.

## Important Information for Volunteers

Here is an important message from our Volunteer Coordinator regarding your team volunteers.

Hi to all Team Managers,

Great news! With some help from some really dedicated people, we've been able to fill all the volunteer slots, except four, with all day volunteers. Isn't that awesome?

If anyone knows of a High School student needing some volunteer time, we could use a little help. The four slots needed? All day Door tenders at each Challenge venue. This will earn a HS student 8 hours of volunteer time.

What does this mean for the volunteers you have recruited for us? Well, unless we can get the four all day volunteers for door tending, we are asking you to have your volunteer stand watch at the door while their team competes. They close the door from the inside when instructed and don't let anyone in or out. When the presentation is finished they open the door. They will be inside the door, so can see everything. And, that's it! They can enjoy the whole day with their team.

We here at Maine DI are so proud of all of our teams, and grateful for all of our volunteers. Thanks for helping the kids have a fantastic DI Day.

## State Schedule

If you have not looked at the schedule you should look at it now. It can be found at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/celebrations/> Please review the schedule. If you see any issues you need to contact Chad immediately at [affiliatedirector@createme.org](mailto:affiliatedirector@createme.org)

You also need to check in at the Collins Center on Saturday morning. You will be given your official schedule with any last minute changes.

## Tournament Website

There is all kinds of great information on the tournament page of our website <http://www.createme.org/index.php/celebrations/> The information includes:

- State Tournament Basics – An invaluable guide for team managers and parents that describes what will happen during the day.
- State Tournament Schedule – Make sure you check it out and try to watch some other performances throughout the day.
- UMO Map – Don't get lost!
- Hotel Discounts – If you are spending the night, I hope you have reservations.
- The Team Manager Challenge
- DI Certificates – Print these up and give them to your team following the tournament.

## Team Manager Challenge

This is the last call for the second annual Team Manager Challenge. This is a chance for you to take part in the action and solve your own challenge. Preregistration is required. Please contact Tim Terranova at [growthdirector@createme.org](mailto:growthdirector@createme.org) by Wednesday 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](mailto: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

## Calendar

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.



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