



CreateME September 2018 Newsletter

DI Kickoff

School is starting, the students are settling into the routine of school, and the weather is, finally, getting cooler. This means it is time to start thinking about DI! Although many teams don't start until late fall/early winter, team numbers and the challenge material are already available. 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. Please feel free to contact any of the CreateME Personnel. You can find all their contact information on our website at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/get-involved/contact-us/>

We look forward to working with each of you!

Registration

Important information about signing up 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 remained the same. 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 – On Target – design and build an aircraft that that takes off, flies, lands, and delivers a team created payload; and present a story about characters exploring a remote place.

Scientific – Medical Mystery – research the human body and medical conditions that affect the human body; create and present a story about a medical mystery that affects a human character; design and build a representation that shows the medical mystery and at least one symptom; and present an action or scene that is shown from two or more perspectives at the same time.

Engineering – Monster Effect – design, build and test a structure that can support the placing of and removing of weights without breaking; create and present a story in which the sudden appearance of a monster has surprising results; and design and create a special effect to enhance the sudden appearance of the monster.

Fine Arts – Game On – create and present a story that integrates research of a team selected game; create and present a game gizmo that causes an action or event to occur; design and create a container that goes through a transformation; and design either the gizmo or container to be a technical element.

Improvvisational – Heads Up – research historical figures found on coins from around the world; create and present an improvisational skit that includes the historical figures in a tale; integrate an event that has an impact on the tale; and present the skit in two parts changing between comedy and tragedy.

Service Learning – Escape Artists – Identify, design, and carry out a project that addresses a real need in a real community; create and theatrically present a story that builds suspense about characters who attempt an escape; integrate information about the project through clues that help the characters attempt to escape; and integrate information about the future of the project.

Early Learning – Pop Up – explore fiction and nonfiction stories; create and present a story that combines elements of both fiction and nonfiction; design and build a technical device; create an interactive, life size pop-up book to help tell the story; and integrate a randomly selected item into the story.

This year, each challenge has a preview video. All videos can be viewed at <https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/2018-19-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.

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

TBD – 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.



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