

# Team Manager Newsletter

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Welcome to the Team Manager Newsletter. We will be sending this newsletter out on a fairly regular basis to provide important information. This year we would like to focus on our team managers and provide better support. In this issue you will learn about some of the ways we hope to do this. One of the biggest ways we can make this successful is through your feedback, so if you have comments, please let us know.

## Team Manager Resource Contact

One of the changes this year (and probably the most exciting!!) is the addition of a Team Manager Resource Contact. Lorrie Benn, a long time Dler, will be serving as a resource to team managers. Lorrie will be a great resource to team managers who have general questions or concerns, about things like team dynamics, timelines, communicating with parents, or interference. If you have a question, or would just like to touch base you can contact Lorrie at [lbenn1959@aol.com](mailto:lbenn1959@aol.com)

## Redesigned Website

If you have not checked out our website [www.createme.org](http://www.createme.org) lately, make sure you do. It has been redesigned to be consistent with the national DI website. The team manager section is a work in progress. We want to make this section useful for all of you. So, if you wish there was something that is not on there, let us know. If you have a question or think something is missing than someone else probably does as well.

In addition to the team manager section there is a separate section for appraisers. This site should help your team appraisers stay up to

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date on information and training needed to appraise. There are also links to, and information from, the national DI site which contains even more great resources.

## DI Nights

Do you want to be a team manager, but are having trouble recruiting team members. We may be able to help. Members of CreateMe are willing to participate in DI nights in your area. We ask that you work with us to arrange a date, secure the space, and invite people from all over, not just your district or immediate area. In return, we can:

- bring challenges to do;
- bring information for parents, friends, and volunteers;
- hold informational sessions for families and volunteers; and
- be ready to have an exciting night of DI fun.

If you are interested in opportunity, please contact Chad Reynolds at [biggchad2001@yahoo.com](mailto:biggchad2001@yahoo.com)

## 2015-2016 Dates

One of the things we hear about each year is not getting dates out to team managers soon enough. We listened. Below is a list of dates for the upcoming season.

- 9/1/15 – Challenges become available from national DI
- 9/26/15 – CreateME meeting from 9-1 at the White House Inn in Hampden
- January 2016 – Deadline for registration (but don't wait, register early)
- 2/27/16 – Southern Regional Showcase
- 3/5/16 – Northern Regional Showcase
- 4/9/16 – State Celebration at UMO
- 5/25/16 – Global Finals

Questions: contact Chad at [biggchad2001@yahoo.com](mailto:biggchad2001@yahoo.com) or any of the CreateME team at <http://www.createme.org/index.php/get-involved/contact-us/>