



DESTINATION  
IMAGINATION®

PREPARING CHILDREN  
*for the*  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

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## Why do Parents like Destination Imagination?

- Destination Imagination prepares kids to be the innovators of the future by combining the arts, sciences and technology with creativity and problem solving.
- Teams can select one of the following challenges:
  - Technology Challenge – On Target
  - Science Challenge – Medical Mystery
  - Engineering Challenge – Monster Effects
  - Fine Arts Challenge – Game On
  - Improv Challenge – Heads Up
  - Service Learning Challenge – Escape Artists
- There is even a non-competitive Rising Stars Challenge for students in pre-school through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
  - Pop Up
  - These teams present at tournament just like the higher levels but they are not ranked and do not advance to the state or Global Finals tournaments.
  - Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students may also choose to do a competitive challenges if they are up for the challenge

## Why do educators like Destination Imagination?

- Destination Imagination is a learner-centric experience built completely on the creative process.
- Because the challenges are open-ended, students engage in deep inquiry and research while infusing prior knowledge and learning.
- The DI experience includes:
  - Ultimate learner ownership
  - Resource awareness
  - Clarifying questions
  - Rapid ideation and implementation
  - Authentic self-expression.

# Here's How It Works

- Teams of 2-7 students
- Select one of the 2019 Team Challenges
- Meetings include solving the Team Challenge and practicing Instant Challenges
- Compete by Level

Rising Stars (non-competitive)

Elementary

Middle

Secondary

**COST:** \$30 for Rising Stars and \$65 for competitive students

This covers:

- Team Number/Licensing Fee
- Team Manager Background Check(s)
- Regional Tournament Registration
- Instant Challenge Day
- State Tournament if your team qualifies

Other costs include those for individual team's solution, snacks, field trips and T-shirts. Teams are encouraged to use borrowed, recycled and trash items whenever possible.

# Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- Team Manager
- Co-Team Manager
- Appraiser
- Instant Challenge Day Appraiser
- Snacks
- Pin Design
- Errands, Materials and other Go-fer-Type duties

## 2018-2019 Calendar of Important Events

### August-November Team Recruitment

- Oct 13 New Team Manager Training
- **Oct 26 DI After Dark for MS students**
- Nov 3 TM Challenge and Skill Training
- Nov 17 New Team Manager Training
- Dec 8 TM Challenge and Skill Training
- Jan 12 Appraiser Training
- January 15 SM Tournament Deadline
- Jan 26 Instant Challenge Day **Tentative**
- Feb 9 Appraiser Training
- Mar 9 South Metro Tournament Littleton High School
- Apr 7, 2018 Affiliate Tournament Auraria Campus
- May 20-25 Global Finals Kansas City, MO



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