

Dialogue

As we begin to gear up for the 2007-2008 Destination ImagiNation® season, here are some tips to help you on your way...

Purchase your membership:

You can purchase a membership now using the Combined New York and DI, Inc. Passport Application on our website located at: <http://www.nydi.org/2008MemberApp.pdf>

You can also find the **Eastern Regional Registration** form and the **Western Regional Registration** form linked to the "Lastest News" section of the website homepage (<http://nydi.org>) along with the Tournament Team Registrations for all three regions.

Please contact your Regional Director if you have any questions about the purchase of your memberships or any other questions about NY-DI.

In the **Eastern Region** please contact **Seth Davis** through e-mail at sdavis@eliasgroup.com

In the **Central Region** please contact **Jan Simone** through e-mail at joejansimone@aol.com

In the **Western Region** please contact **Dee Urban** through e-mail at deeurban@roadrunner.com

Your Regional Director will be able to provide you with information about Regional trainings, workshops and Regional fees and to help you get started on your exciting 2007-08 DI journey!

2007 – 20078 SEASON DATES

| EVENT | DATE |
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| Central Regional New Team Manager Workshop <i>Geo F Johnson Ele Sch 999 Taft Ave Endicott, NY</i> | 10/24/07 <i>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm</i> |
| Western Regional Team Manager Workshop <i>Clarence High School Lecture Hall Clarence, NY</i> | 10/27/07 <i>8:30 am - 1:00 pm</i> |
| Central Regional Experienced Team Manager Round Table <i>To be determined</i> | <i>Team Managers will be notified</i> |
| Eastern Regional Team Manager Workshop <i>PNW BOCES Yorktown, NY</i> | 11/3/07 |
| Western Regional IC & CPS Tools for Team Managers Workshop <i>Clarence High School Lecture Hall Clarence, NY</i> | 11/10/07 <i>8:30 am - 1:00 pm</i> |
| Western Regional Experienced Team Manager Roundtable <i>Bryant & Stratton College Orchard Park Campus Room 110</i> | 11/17/07 <i>8:30 am - 1:00 pm</i> |
| Western Regional Technical Skills Workshop <i>Bryant & Stratton College Orchard Park Campus Room 110</i> | 12/1/07 <i>8:30 am - 1:00 pm</i> |
| Western Regional Appraiser Training Workshop <i>Clarence High School Lecture Hall Clarence, NY</i> | 2/9/08 <i>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</i> |
| Eastern Regional Tournament <i>PNW BOCES Yorktown, NY</i> | 3/1/08 |
| Western Regional Tournament <i>Erie Community College - South Southwestern Blv Orchard Park, NY</i> | 3/8/08 |
| Central Regional Tournament <i>Geo F Johnson Elementary School 999 Taft Ave Endicott, NY</i> | 3/14/08 <i>4:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> |
| State Finals Tournament (tentative) <i>Union Endicott High School Endicott, NY</i> | 4/5/08 |
| 2008 Global Finals Tournament <i>University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN</i> | May 21st through 24th, 2008 |

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Purchasing School Supplies?

When you purchase your school supplies this year PLEASE consider purchasing at 'Office Max'. They have made a wonderful offer to NY-DI to allow all of our member's purchases to be used to help NY-DI accrue 'MaxPerks' rewards that can be redeemed for paper, printing costs etc. You would be amazed at how much you will save NY-DI just by making your regular purchases for back-to-school and using our MaxPerks number at checkout! **Please use MaxPerks Program ID # 2025-62957 for Destination ImagiNation of New York when purchasing at Office Max, CopyMax or the officemax.com website throughout the year.**

Purchasing from ShopDI?

If you are new to ShopDI (<http://www.shopdi.org>) you will want to have a look! There are wonderful resources available from DI, Inc.'s online store. When you register with ShopDI you will be asked for an "Affiliate Code" – using this code once will allow the NY-DI Affiliate accrue funds we use to add items to our Lending Library. **Please input the NY-DI Affiliate code NY0620A when you register on ShopDI!** (use zero not the letter O).

If you already have an account on ShopDI and are not sure if you have input the NY-DI Affiliate code you can check (and input it if you haven't already) by going to ShopDI (<http://www.shopdi.org>), signing in, then click the "My ShopDI" tab on the upper right of the homepage, then clicking "View or change my account information" under the "My Account" heading. If you have any difficulty in finding where to input the NY-DI Affiliate Code please send an e-mail including the Code (**NY0620A**) and requesting that it be included in your ShopDI account information to Tholmees@dihq.org and please copy me (deurban@roadrunner.com) with this e-mail so I can follow up for you.

New Resources in the Lending Library

Please feel free to check out items from our Affiliate Lending Library on 10-day loan as needed throughout the year. You will find a listing of those items available in our library on our website, just click on NY-DI Lending Library on the website menu.

Challenge Previews & Curricular Standards Connections Available

You will find the link for the Previews to the 2007-08 Challenges on the "Lastest News" section of the NY-DI website, specifically at <http://www.nydi.org/2008Previews.htm> The link to the Standards Connections can also be found in the "Lastest News" section, or you can input <http://www.nydi.org/2008standards.pdf> to get to the document directly.

Materials & Team numbers

This year every **TEAM** will have its own unique membership number – your team membership number will look like this 134-XXXXX. Please note that when you purchase a 5-Pak you will receive five membership numbers, these numbers **will not** be in consecutive order! **You** will assign a membership number to each of your teams. Please make sure you fill out your *Team Registration for your Tournament* using the correct numbers.

All memberships receive a printed copy of the program materials along with a CD-ROM of the materials and the ability to download. Program Materials included with your membership are 5 Team Challenges, 1 Rising Stars! (non-competitive primary) Challenge, a set of practice Instant Challenges, Rules of the Road, Charting Your Course, Team Managers Guide, Curricular Standards Connections, Coordinator Guide and Parent Guide.

Order your DI Challenge Pins now...

Looking for a little stocking stuffer for that special DI team member, Manager or volunteer?

Please take a moment to check out our NY-DI Website at <http://www.nydi.org> and have a look at our 2008 Challenge Pins - they might be just what you are looking for!

You can find images of all of the pins available on our website specifically at <http://www.nydi.org/2008%20CHALLENGE%20PINS.pdf> the order form is on the third page of the document.

Pins can be ordered until January 1st - orders will be delivered in February.

This is a major fund raiser for NY-DI, please take a look at these pins and see if there is something here to interest the DI'er in your home!

Time to Start Thinking about Appraisers!

We are always in need of new appraisers, please feel free to copy this article and the Appraiser Response form on our website (<http://www.nydi.org/2008AppraiserForm.pdf>) along with the Team Challenge Summaries on our website (<http://www.nydi.org/2008Previews.htm>) and pass them on to anyone who might be interested in Appraising.

We **require** that each membership provide the name, address and telephone number(s) of at least one potential Appraiser for each team it sends into **REGIONAL** competition. This assures that our Appraisal team is representative of all of our members. Check with your **REGIONAL DIRECTOR** for information and requirements regarding Appraisers for your tournaments.

The Eastern Regional Director is [Seth Davis](#) - the Eastern Regional Tournament is scheduled for 3/1/08.
The Western Regional Director is [Dee Urban](#) – the Western Regional Tournament is scheduled for 3/8/08.
The Central Regional Director is [Jan Simone](#) – the Central Regional Showcase is scheduled for 3/14/08.

Here is a sample Appraiser Invitation letter:

In the past, the role of appraiser during the competition has contributed greatly to the overall success of the event. I am inviting you to appraise one of the challenges at this year's Regional Tournament. The Team Challenge Summaries can be accessed at our website. As always, Instant Challenges cannot be revealed until the day of the competition. Please fill out the "Appraiser Response Form" and return it as soon as possible, but not later than 2/1/08 so we may send out Appraising team assignments and the complete Challenge in advance of our Appraiser training. It is essential that all appraisers be properly certified for their particular challenge and therefore Appraiser training is **mandatory**. Your attendance will insure personal confidence, as well as competent Appraisal. If you would like to Appraise, but this session is inconvenient, please contact your Regional Director – we CAN and WILL make special arrangements for you!

We encourage you to also Appraise at our State Tournament to be held on April 5, 2008. If you are interested in appraising at our State Tournament please check the appropriate box on the Appraiser Response Form. I urge you to consider this critical role.

Keeping Up To Date...

It is very important that you get in the habit of checking e-mail and our website at <http://nydi.org> often! It is cost prohibitive to do business by mail, therefore it is **CRITICAL** that every team have at least one person who is responsible for checking e-mail at least once a week, but preferably daily, for important information about the Program. All NY-DI newsletters will be posted to our website and an e-mail will be sent to each contact person whose e-mail address we have with any important website updates. If you want to be included on our e-mailing-list please go to our website homepage (<http://www.nydi.org>) and click on "CLICK HERE TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL NY-DI MAILINGS" in the Latest News section of the homepage.

As always...

If I can be of any assistance to you as you begin this journey for the 1st time, or continue on the DI journey for another exciting year, please feel free to contact me at any time – the NY-DI Board members, Regional Directors and I stand ready to help you to provide the very best program to the students of New York...

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