

DestinationImagiNation™



CreativityNews

Regional Tournament
Registration Issue

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Register your Teams for Competition

Included with this newsletter is the **Western** Region team registration form, which must be completed and returned by **1/15/02**. On this form you will be asked to submit the names of each team member and Team Manager competing at our Tournament. Please be sure to write, or type the form as legibly as possible as this is the source from which Certificates of Participation and program acknowledgments come. You will also be asked to name the judge and volunteer your school has supplied (see article "Membership Requirement" in this issue). **Team Registration Form on last page fill this form out and return it to Dee Urban, Director**

CHECK WITH YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL REGIONS.

Current Problem Clarifications

REMEMBER clarifications are updated at the DI Web-site (www.destinationimagination.org) regularly! Check for new clarifications daily by going to our NY home page (www.nydi.org) and clicking on "link to National Clarifications".

There are currently clarifications for ALL of the Team Challenges! Make it a habit to check for new clarifications once a week – YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

Invitation to Judge! - A WESTERN REGION Membership Requirement!

Each school is **required** to forward, to the Director, the name, address, and telephone number of one person willing to judge for each two teams they will send to our Tournament. We also need the names of volunteers to act as score runners, registrars, and tabulation room personnel on the day of the tournament. **Please submit these names no later than 1/15/02.** This is a critical item for all of our teams if our judging corps is to be representative of our entire association. **Any member not submitting the name of an appraiser will not be allowed to compete.** While each school is required to submit the name of one appraiser and volunteer (for each two competing teams) our teams are always better off if we have more than the minimum number available, please encourage anyone in your school community to help us assure the best judging possible! Please remember that appraisers **MUST** attend our appraisers training workshop (**2/9/02 8am to 1pm**) in order to be certified to appraise. The Appraiser's invitation letter and response form are included in this Newsletter.

Last Newsletter for a while...

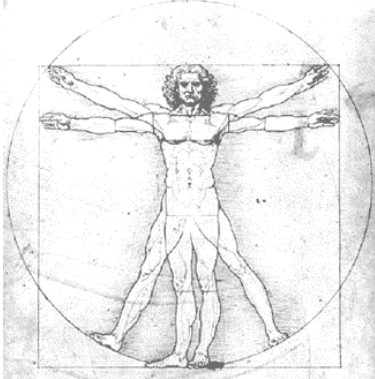
This, the December Newsletter is the last of the monthly newsletters for this Creative Problem Solving Season.

The next Newsletter will be our Tournament Newsletter mailed the week following the State tournament. There will also be a newsletter

following the International DestiNation 2001 - Global Finals (d2k.1).

This **does not** mean you are on your own! In the weeks ahead there will be "Directors Messages" included on our website advising the latest information about the DI program in New York. Our website will be updated with Regional Tournament information and State Tournament information regularly. Check the website (www.nydi.org) regularly in the next weeks – Don't miss anything!

In the next several weeks you will also be getting important information from the regional offices including The Regional Tournament Schedule and other information. Please read this information carefully when it arrives and call your Regional Director **immediately** with any problems. Every attempt will be made to be flexible with scheduling and with problem solving....but the key to true flexibility is **TIME!** The sooner you let your RD know you have a problem the better able we are to make adjustments.



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Thoughts to ponder....

"A minutes success pays the failure of years" - Robert Browning

"The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it. So fine that we are often on the line and do not know it." - Elbert Hubbard

"The key to success isn't much good until one discovers the right lock to insert it in!" - Tehyi Hsieh

"Luck is a matter of preparation meeting preparation" - Oprah Winfrey

"Be prepared" - Boy Scouts

"You cannot put the same shoe on every foot." - Publilius Syrus

"If you cannot dream it, you cannot do it." - Anonymous

"It isn't that they cannot see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem." - GK Chesterton

"Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition." - Alan Alda

Final Words....

As this is the final Newsletter of 2001 it seems appropriate at this time to remind ourselves of the many gifts we enjoy and the true meaning of what we do.....

The joy of creative endeavor is apparent in the faces of children learning and discovering. It's enough to light up a room and warm a heart! It is apparent in the smile of an judge who sees the product of inspired minds, and in the pride of parents who are witnessing the growth of a child.

As you prepare and gear up for the next challenges this creative problem solving season will bring, remember to take a few moments at every meeting to discuss and appreciate the true value of this wonderful program. The process that each of us, whether a team member, coach, parent, appraiser or supporter goes through is where the true value of our program is found.

Enjoy the journey!

**ORDER YOUR 2001-2002
DI COMMEMORATIVE
CHALLENGE LOGO PINS
TODAY!**

These pins are only available for a short time! Please go to our State Website
<http://nydi.org>
scroll down to the LATEST NEWS section of the Homepage and click on
"DI Challenge Pins now available for order!"
to see the pins in full color and print out an order form!
THESE PINS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH PRE-ORDER



Wishing you and yours a wonderful
Holiday Season filled with the joy of
creative endeavor!

Western Region Team Registration Form
copy this form for each competing team
please complete and return by 1/15/02

RETURN THIS FORM TO:
 Dee Urban, AD
 Destination ImagiNation of New York
 73 Minden Drive
 Orchard Park, NY 14127

The full name of the team (exactly as shown on your national membership - if you don't have this don't wait to register your team):

_____ **Passport #** 134_____

Challenge Name: _____

Level (Check one): **Primary** **Elementary** **Middle** **Secondary**

Please provide the names of your team members (as you want them to appear in the program and on certificates of participation. **Please print**):

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	

Please provide the names of your team managers (as you want them to appear in the program and on certificates of participation. **Please print**):

1
2

Please provide the name(s) and phone number(s) of one volunteer(s)(non judging positions) for each two teams competing at our Regional tournament please use the back of this form for additional people:

Name	Address, Phone and E-mail

REQUIRED BY 1/15/02. Please provide the name(s), address(es), e-mail and phone number(s) of one judge for each two competing teams at our Regional tournament who will attend mandatory judges training on 2/9/02 please use the back of this form for additional people :

Name	Address & e-mail	Phone



WESTERN REGION - Appraiser Response Form

please return by 1/15/02 to

Dee Urban, Director

73 Minden Drive

Orchard Park, NY 14127

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT YOU CAN AGREE TO:

- I am able to accept your invitation to Judge at this year's **Western Region** Tournament to be held on 3/16/02
- I am able to accept your invitation to Judge at this year's **NY State Finals** Tournament to be held on 4/27/02
- I am able to attend the mandatory Western Regional Appraiser Training Session to be held on 2/9/2002
- I am willing to take on the role of **head appraiser/Challenge Master** for my chosen problem. I understand that I will be expected to help train Judges at our Training Session, assist with site set up, and act as judging team leader for the day of the tournament.

I would prefer to work on the following:

please rank 1-7 in order of preference -- All challenges are open to all age groups

- It's Your Move
- On Holiday
- Dual DI-lemma
- StranDId!
- The Art of Improv
- Instant Challenge
- I would prefer to work in the Score Room

**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS LETTER WITH THE APPRAISER
RESPONSE FORM TO ANYONE WILLING TO APPRAISE AT OUR
TOURNAMENTS!**



**Destination ImagiNation
of
New York**

Dear Potential Appraiser:

This year our Destination ImagiNation Competition is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16, 2002 at Erie Community College – South Campus.**

In the past, the role of appraiser during the competition has contributed greatly to the overall success of the event. Your experience is invaluable. I am inviting you to appraise one of the challenges at this year's tournament. The full Team Challenges can be accessed from our website at www.nydi.org. As always, Instant Challenges cannot be revealed until the day of the competition. The previews for this year's Challenges can be found on our website at <http://nydi.org/fullpreview.pdf>. You will need the Adobe Acrobat reader on your system to open this file, however, if you do not have it you can download it FREE of charge and completely safely from our website home page at <http://nydi.org> - once it is downloaded onto your computer system you don't need to do anything else to be able to read .pdf format files.

Please fill out the enclosed "Appraisers Preference Form" and return it to me as soon as possible, but not later than 1/15/02 so I may send out judging assignments and the complete problem in advance of our **appraisers training scheduled for February 9, 2002**, at the Orchard Park District Office, 3330 Baker Road, Orchard Park, New York from 8:00am – 1:00pm. It is essential that all appraisers be properly certified for their particular problem and therefore **appraisers training is mandatory**. It is my hope that this session is convenient for you. Your attendance will insure personal confidence, as well as competent judging.

If you are interested in serving as a Head appraiser for our Tournament please check the appropriate box on the Appraisers Response Form. The responsibilities of the Head Appraiser/Problem Captain will be assisting in the training of regional appraisers at our 2/9/02 training, assisting in set-up of the tournament site before the competition, and acting as judging team leader on the day of the competition. I urge you to consider this critical role

We are always in need of new appraisers, please feel free to copy this form and the Team Challenge Synopsis on our website and pass them on to anyone who might be interested in judging. Please call me at 675-7566 if I can be of any help or assistance to you, I thank you in advance for your support in this exciting event!

Sincerely,

Dee Urban

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Team Cheers!

Updated for 2001-2002 Season!

Dear Supporter:

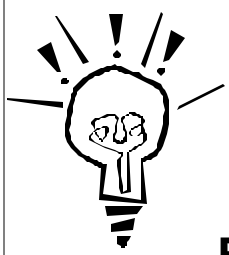


This year we will once again be offering **Team Cheers!** in our **Western Region & State Tournament programs.....**and hopefully help your team raise a little money for an end of year party! A **Team Cheers!** is an ad wishing a team, school, team member, coach, judge, or district good luck. Here's the way it works...

Each 1/8 page (2" x 2.25") ad costs \$10 (team keeps \$5)
 ¼ page (2" x 5") costs \$20 (team keeps \$10)
 ½ page (4" x 5") costs \$40 (team keeps \$20)
 Full page (8" x 5") costs \$80 (team keeps \$40)

Your team sells the ads to parents, teachers, administrators, PTOs, local businesses and keeps half the money raised. The other half (in a check made payable to "BOCES2" for Western Region Tournament Ads, or make your check payable to "Destination ImagiNation of New York" for State Tournament Ads) along with the text for the ad is forwarded to the Affiliate Director at the address listed below **no later than February 15, 2002** for inclusion in our **Western Regional tournament program. No later than April 1, 2002 for inclusion in our State Tournament program**

I hope this will be a successful fundraiser for your team. Please use (and duplicate) the form enclosed with this letter to take ads. Send all your **Western Region & State Tournament** ads to the Affiliate Director at the address below, in one envelope along with a check made payable to "BOCES 2" for Western Region ads, or make your check payable to "Destination ImagiNation of NY" for State Tournament Ads!.

Let us design a great ad for you - just send us your copy and we will take care of the rest! Sample ads *might* look like this:

 <p style="text-align: center;">Good Luck Jones Elem. Roller Coaster Builders!! Your PTO is behind you all the way!</p>	<p>Roberts High School:</p> <p>Together Everyone Achieves More</p>  <p>GO FOR IT! Roberts High Faculty Assoc.</p>	 <p>Mary and the Pasta Makers from Smith Middle School: These guys really COOK! Good Luck! Mrs. Jones</p>
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Please forward the order form and your check made payable to:

"BOCES2" for **Western Regional** Tournament Program Ads

"DI of NY" for **State Tournament** Program Ads

to:

Dee Urban, Director
 Destination ImagiNation of New York™
 73 Minden Drive
 Orchard Park, NY 14127

TEAM CHEER ORDER FORM

This team cheer ad is to be placed in (check one):

- WESTERN TOURNAMENT PROGRAM (check to "BOCES2") DUE 2/15/02
- STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM (check to "DI of NY") DUE 4/1/02

AD SIZE

Please check one

- 1/8 page \$10 (send only \$5, your team keeps \$5)
- 1/4 page \$20 (send only \$10, your team keeps \$10)
- 1/2 page \$40 (send only \$20, your team keeps \$20)
- Full page \$80 (send only \$40, your team keeps \$40)

TEXT TO BE INCLUDED IN AD

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

WE WILL DESIGN THE AD FOR YOU!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Team Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Person Telephone(s):

Contact Person e-mail:

Mail this order form and your check to:
Dee Urban, Affiliate Director
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