

Dialogue

Hot Destination ImagiNation News from Destination ImagiNation of New York
December 2006

Order your DI Challenge Pins now...

Please take a moment to check out our NY-DI Website at <http://www.nydi.org> and have a look at our 2007 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/2007%20CHALLENGE%20PINS.pdf> just click on the top line of the page to get to the order form or go directly to <http://www.nydi.org/2007challenge%20pin%20ORDERFORM.pdf> I'm including the Order Form with this Newsletter for your convenience.

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

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!

Team Cheers!

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 "Destination ImagiNation of New York") along with the text for the ad is forwarded to the Affiliate Director at the address listed below **no later than February 17, 2007** for inclusion in our **Western** Regional tournament program. **No later than March 31, 2007** 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 "Destination ImagiNation of NY" for Tournament program 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:

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| <p>★ Good Luck ★ ★Smith Elementary★ ★Rising Stars★ Love, Your Moms & Dads</p> |  <p>Good Luck West District Teams! <i>I'm so proud of you!</i> Miss Jones DI Coordinator</p> |  <p>774 Fairmount Ave • Jamestown, NY 14701 Tel (716) 665-1166 Fax 665-1160 rehab1@netsync.net</p> |
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REMEMBER - your team keeps half of the money raised!

Eastern Region and **Central Region** teams should check with your Regional Directors regarding Team Cheers Program ads in your Regions.

Your Team Cheer order (for Western Region & State Finals) is included at the end of this Newsletter.

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Register Your Teams for Your Regional Tournament....

Included with this newsletter is the **Western** Region team registration form, which must be completed and returned by **2/1/07**. On this form you will be asked to submit the names of each team member and Team Manager competing at the Western Regional 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 **required** to submit the name and contact information for at least one individual willing to be trained and Appraise at the tournament (see article "Membership Requirement" in this issue). ***No team will be scheduled until they provide the name of a volunteer!*** **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.**

This requirement is being instituted across NY State this year in order to provide our teams with the best possible Appraisal teams at all tournaments. We want **all** of our wonderful teams to feel that our Appraisal teams are well balanced. Appraisers can be any adult (over the age of 18 years) and out of High School. A sample Appraiser recruitment letter is included with the Appraiser form at the end of this newsletter.

Clarifications....

REMEMBER clarifications are updated at the DI Web-site (<http://www.idodi.org/clarifications.php>) 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 ***Direct Flight & Switching TraDItions*** Team Challenges! Make it a habit to check for new clarifications once a week. Below are the current Published Clarifications as of 12/4/06:

Challenge A - Direct Flight

| Section | Clarification |
|--------------------------|---|
| N/A | Test Flight Cards can be downloaded here for team use while practicing. Click here to download (PDF) |
| A.3.a.ii | A.3.a.ii permits an Aircraft to physically contact the Elevator that Released it during the Test Flight. Any physical contact with this Elevator after the Aircraft is Released can only be incidental and cannot increase the score received by the Aircraft for the Test Flight. |
| A.1, Special Definitions | Replace the definition of Aircraft in section A.1, Special Definitions with: Aircraft: A machine or device that uses some method(s) of controlled descent in its movement through the air. During a Test Flight one or more features on the Aircraft itself must contribute to increasing the time spent in the air. The increased time in the air must be easily observed by the Appraisers. Teams should be prepared to explain to the Appraisers the feature(s) on the Aircraft that contribute to slowing its descent. For example: The wings on a paper airplane cause its time in the air to actually increase over a plane without any wings. On the other hand, a beanbag launched by a catapult is not an Aircraft. Its time in the air is controlled by the force of the catapult and not increased by any feature on the beanbag. An arrow or rocket also typically doesn't meet our definition of an Aircraft. The fins or feathers on these devices are designed to make them fly cleanly through the air rather than slow their descent. |

Challenge D - Switching TraDItions

| Section | Clarification |
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| A.10.a.ii. | In the NOTE: <i>Any words and pictures already commercially printed on any items are acceptable, but pre-printed words and pre-printed pictures may not be incorporated in any manner into the Skit.</i> Printed or woven patterns or pictures on fabric are subject to the same rules as pre-printed words and picture as stated in the NOTE in Section A.10.a.ii. |

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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 2007 - Global Finals (**d2k.7**).

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.

What is always the same...

If I can be of any assistance to you 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....

Final thoughts...

As this is the final Newsletter of 2006 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 Appraiser 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, Team Manager, parent, Appraiser or supporter goes through is where the true value of our program is found.

Enjoy the journey!

On behalf of the NY-DI Board of Trustees....



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DestinationImagiNation of New York
2007 CHALLENGE Pins
ORDER FORM

| PIN | AMOUNT ORDERED | PRICE EACH | TOTAL |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Direct Flight | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Direct Flight Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| CSI:DI | | \$ 2.50 | |
| CSI:DI Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Round About Courage | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Round About Courage Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Switching TraDitions | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Switching TraDitions Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Card-DI-ology | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Card-DI-ology Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Make It New, Its Up to You! | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Make It New, Its Up to You! Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Team Manager | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Team Manager Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Appriaser Pin | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Appriaser Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| IDODI | | \$ 2.50 | |
| IDODI Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Parent Pin | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Instant Challenge Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| DI Letter | | \$ 2.50 | |
| Rising Stars! Puzzle Pin | | \$ 2.00 | |
| Instant Challenge | | \$ 2.50 | |
| 11-Pin Puzzle set | | \$ 18.00 | |
| SHIPPING (add for each pin) | | \$.15 | |
| TOTAL | | | |

ORDERS NOT INCLUDING SHIPPING WILL NOT BE FILLED!

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION **COMPLETELY**:

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| SHIP TO INFORMATION |
| Name: |
| Address: |
| City |
| State |
| Zip |
| Contact Day Phone |
| Contact Eve Phone |
| Contact e-mail: |

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK

AND MAIL TO:
Dee Urban, Affiliate Director
73 Minden Drive
Orchard Park, NY 14127

2007 TEAM CHEER ORDER FORM

This Team Cheer ad is to be placed in (check one):

____ Western Regional Tournament Program (due 2/17/07)

____ State Tournament Program (due 3/31/07)

AD SIZE

Please check the size of the ad you prefer:

____ 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)

All checks should be made payable to "Destination ImagiNation of NY"

TEXT TO BE INCLUDED IN AD

We will design the ad for you! Just give us the words and we'll take it from there!

Please print clearly!

Please capitalize only those words you want capitalized!

TELL US WHO WE CAN CALL WITH A QUESTION:

TEAM NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:

CONTACT PERSON PHONE:

CONTACT PERSON E-MAIL:

Mail this order form along with your check to:
Dee Urban, Affiliate Director
Destination ImagiNation of New York
73 Minden Drive
Orchard Park, NY 14127



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Western Region Tournament Team Registration

Return this form by 2/1/07 to:
Dee Urban, Affiliate Director
NY-DI
73 Minden Drive
Orchard Park, NY 14127

The information on this registration will be used to schedule the team for the Tournament. **PLEASE PRINT.**

School Name: _____ **Membership #:** 134- _____

Challenge: *check one*

- ☐ Challenge A: *DIrect Flight*
☐ Challenge B: *CSI: DI*
☐ Challenge C: *Round About Courage*
☐ Challenge D: *Switching traDitions*
☐ Challenge E: *Card-DI-ology*
☐ Rising Stars!: *Make It New, It's Up To You!*

Level: *check one*

- ☐ Elementary Level (K – 5th grade)
OR *No member age 12 by 6/15/07*
☐ Middle Level (6th – 8th grade)
OR *No member age 15 by 6/15/07*
☐ Secondary Level (9th – 12th grade)
OR *No member age 19 by 6/15/07*

Team Information: **PRINT CLEARLY!**

| Team Member | Date of Birth | Grade |
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If your Rising Stars! team has more than 7 team members list on back & check here ☐

| Team Manager | Phone | E-mail |
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Special Considerations:

Please include information such as a Team Manager with more than one team (list additional team information), a team member or Manager with physical disability, or alternate language preferences other than English. Special schedule consideration needed – be specific about the reason! PLEASE LIST THIS INFORMATION ON BACK OF PAGE.

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE LISTED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION NEEDS ON BACK**

Volunteer Information: Each team **is required** to provide ONE Appraiser/Tournament volunteer by 2/1/07.

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED WITHOUT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION!

If you can provide more than one volunteer please list on back & check here ☐



2006 – 2007 NY-DI Appraiser Application Form

Please return by 2/1/07 to:
Dee Urban, Affiliate 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 will attend a mandatory Appraiser Training Session in my Region (see NY-DI website for dates & locations)

_____ I am able to accept your invitation to Appraise at this year's **Central NY Regional Tournament** 3/3/07

_____ I am able to accept your invitation to Appraise at this year's **Western NY Regional Tournament** 3/10/07

_____ I am able to accept your invitation to Appraise at this year's **Eastern NY Regional Tournament** 3/24/2007

_____ I am able to accept your invitation to Appraise at this year's **NY State Finals Tournament** 4/21/2007

I would prefer to work on the following:

Please rank 1-7 in order of preference

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|---------------------------|--|
| _____ Direct Flight | _____ Switching TraDItions |
| _____ CSI:DI | _____ Card-DI-ology |
| _____ Round About Courage | _____ Instant Challenge |
| _____ Scorerroom | My T-shirt size is: <i>(please circle one)</i> S M L XL XXL |

Please note that in order to save mailing costs we will send your Appraiser Training Packet on PC Compatible CD. If you must have your training materials sent on paper please check here:

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I must get my training materials be sent to me on paper.



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Dear Potential Appraiser:

This year our Destination ImagiNation Competition is scheduled for **Saturday, March 10, 2007 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. 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://www.nydi.org/2007%20Previews.pdf>, for your convenience I have printed and included them in this mailing.

Please fill out the enclosed "Appraisers Preference Form" and return it to me as soon as possible, but not later than 2/1/06 so I may send out Appraisal assignment and the complete Challenge and training materials in advance of our **Appraisers training scheduled for February 10, 2007**, at the Clarence High School, Main Street, Clarence from 8:30am – 1:30pm. It is essential that all Appraisers be properly certified for their particular Challenge and therefore **Appraisers training is mandatory**. It is my hope that this session is convenient for you. If you would like to be an Appraiser but this date is not good for you please contact me and let's try to work out an alternative! Your attendance will insure personal confidence, as well as competent appraisal.

Whenever possible we urge you to accept your training materials on CD-ROM. This saves us time, money, paper, the environment and mailing costs! Of course we will send you your materials on paper if you request it but we really hope you will choose the electronic format!

We are always in need of new appraisers, please feel free to copy this form and the Team Challenge Previews and pass them on to anyone who might be interested in Appraising. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Urban".