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2007-08 DI Season ...

Time to register your teams for Regional Competition!

Register your Teams for Regional Tournaments

Included with this newsletter is your team registration form, which must be completed and returned by **1/20/08**. On this form you will be asked to submit the names of each team member and Team Manager competing at your 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 name the Appraiser and volunteer your team has supplied (see article "Regional Membership Requirement" in this issue).

Remember that you must use the correct form for your Regional Tournament.

Tournament Travel Guide For Teams

The Tournament Travel Guide will be available shortly at our website. Please make sure you take the time to read this Guide with your team. The Guide is specifically designed to help teams everything your team needs to know about preparing for your Tournament, including - What will happen at your Presentation Site, who's who on the Appraisal Team, how teams are

awarded points, and lots more! The Guide is normally released in January so keep an eye out for it on our website at <http://www.nydi.org>

Current Challenge Clarifications

REMEMBER clarifications are updated at the International DI Web-site daily! Check for new clarifications daily by going to our NY-DI home page and clicking on "Link to International Clarifications Page" in our website menu. You should be checking for new Clarifications at least weekly until

Visit the NY-DI Web-Site at:

<http://www.nydi.org>

February 15th which is the cut-off date.

Clarifications through 12/18/07:

Clarifications for Obstacles, Of Course!

1. Date Asked 11/7/07

Section A.3

Paragraph A.3.a should read: "There will be four X's taped on the floor of the Presentation Site. (Diagram 1) These X's will be formed as the diagonals of a 12in (30.5cm) by 12in (30.5cm) square. The square will not be taped; only the X's will be taped. When the Vehicle is moving around the Obstacle Course, at least three of the four X's must have a part of one Obstacle on or above its approximate area."

2. Date Asked 12/15/07

Section A.4.b

The second sentence in A.4.b should read: An Obstacle may be designed to assist the Vehicle to Overcome that Obstacle, but the Vehicle must contribute in a substantial and significant way to its Overcoming of the Obstacle.

Clarifications for Hit or Myth

1. Date Asked 10/26/07

Section A.2, A.2.a

Section A.2 should read: The Story: The team will learn about a Nation other than the team's own and create and present an original Story that is set at least in part in that Nation. During the Story, the team will present a Myth and a Myth Investigation (A.3). For the purpose of this Challenge, the term Myth is expanded to include two other types of stories, Urban Legends and Folk Tales.

Section A.2.a should read: Part of the Story must be set in the

team's chosen Nation. It may be set in any time period, and there are no restrictions on characters.

2. Date Asked 12/11/07

Section A.3.b.i

A.3.b.i should read: For this Challenge, experiments may be conducted on replicas, scaled models, or representative samples. Experiments in which people or live animals are the subject of the experiments are not allowed.

Clarifications for DI've Got A Secret

There are currently no Clarifications for this Challenge.

Clarifications for Chorific!

There are currently no Clarifications for this Challenge.

Clarifications for SWITCH!

1. Date Asked 11/29/07

Teams must not add on pieces of wood or glue to their Structures for the sole purpose of meeting height requirements in this Challenge.

2. Date Asked 12/11/07

The base of the Structure Tester illustrated in Figure C: Isometric View on page 7 of the Challenge should measure 18 inches.

Reminder: You can request Clarifications by following these directions to set up a Clarification account and simply asking for an on-line response:

Go to our website at <http://nydi.org>

Click on "Link to International Clarifications page" in the website menu

Click on "Request a Team Clarification"

Click on "New User? Click here to set up an account" at the bottom of the page

Fill out the form and click the "Create Account" button

Follow the directions on the next page to activate your account.... once you do that you should be able to log-in to the Clarifications page and ask your clarification question. You will usually get a response within 72 hours via e-mail.

Invitation to Appraise! A Regional Requirement!

Each team is **required** to forward, to the Regional Director, the name, address, and telephone number of one person willing to Appraise for each team they will send to a Regional 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 1/20/07.** This is a critical item for all of our teams if our Appraisal corps is to be representative of your entire region. ***Any member not submitting the name of an Appraiser will not be allowed to compete.*** While each team is required to submit the name of one Appraiser and volunteer 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 Appraising possible!

Team Registration Forms Are on the next pages of this Newsletter. Fill out correct Regional Form and return it to the appropriate Regional Director



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Western Region Tournament Team Registration

Return this form by 1/20/08 to:
Dee Urban, Regional Director
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: *Obstacles, Of Course!*
- _____ Challenge B: *Hit or Myth*
- _____ Challenge C: *DI've Got a Secret!*
- _____ Challenge D: *Chorific!*
- _____ Challenge E: *SWITCH!*
- _____ Rising Stars!: *TwisDId History!*

Level: *check one*

- _____ Elementary Level (K – 5th grade)
OR *No member age 12 by 6/15/08*
- _____ Middle Level (6th – 8th grade)
OR *No member age 15 by 6/15/08*
- _____ Secondary Level (9th – 12th grade)
OR *No member age 19 by 6/15/08*

Team Information: **PRINT CLEARLY!**

Team Member	Date of Birth	Grade

If your Rising Stars! team has more than 7 team members list on back & check here

Team Manager	Phone	E-mail

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 2/1/08.

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



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Eastern Region Tournament Team Registration

Return this form by 1/20/08 to:
Seth A. Davis, Regional Director
Suite 102
411 Theodore Fremd Avenue
Rye, NY 10580

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: *Obstacles, Of Course!*
- _____ Challenge B: *Hit or Myth*
- _____ Challenge C: *DI've Got a Secret!*
- _____ Challenge D: *Chorific!*
- _____ Challenge E: *SWITCH!*
- _____ Rising Stars!: *TwisDId History!*

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

If your Rising Stars! team has more than 7 team members list on back & check here

Team Manager	Phone	E-mail

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.

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

Appraiser:	Volunteer:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:
Address:	Address:

YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED WITHOUT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION!

If you can provide more appraisers or volunteers please list on back & check here



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Central Region Tournament Team Registration

Return this form by 1/20/08to:
Janice Simone
GFJ Elementary School
999Taft Ave
Endicott, NY 13760

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: *Obstacles, Of Course!*
- _____ Challenge B: *Hit or Myth*
- _____ Challenge C: *DI've Got a Secret!*
- _____ Challenge D: *Chorific!*
- _____ Challenge E: *SWITCH!*
- _____ Rising Stars!: *TwisDId History!*

Level: *check one*

- _____ Elementary Level (K – 5th grade)
OR *No member age 12 by 6/15/08*
- _____ Middle Level (6th – 8th grade)
OR *No member age 15 by 6/15/08*
- _____ Secondary Level (9th – 12th grade)
OR *No member age 19 by 6/15/08*

Team Information: **PRINT CLEARLY!**

Team Member	Date of Birth	Grade

If your Rising Stars! team has more than 7 team members list on back & check here

Team Manager	Phone	E-mail

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 2/1/08.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

YOUR TEAM SHOULD SUPPLY ONE VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE TOURNAMENT!

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

Challenge Puzzle Pins Available for Immediate Delivery!

Please order your Challenge Puzzle Pins now! We have only the following Challenge Puzzle Pins available and can ship them out as soon as your order arrives. Here are pictures of the pins we still have available:



Each pin is full glitter and is 1.5" the price for each pin is \$2.00. We will send the full 10 piece set for \$17.00 The order form for these pins is included at the end of this Newsletter.

NY-DI Pins Available for Immediate Delivery!

The NY-DI Trading Pins are also now available. Here are the pins we have to offer:



The 3-bear set is in gold, silver and copper metal, the "Plunging Into Creativity" Alligator jumping out of the NY City Sewers is in glitter, the "Refreshing Creativity" bear is in glitter, and the "Up 2 the Challenge" pin is in black and pewter tone metal. Each of these pins is approximately 1 3/4 inches in height. The order form is at the end of this Newsletter.

Time to place your Team Cheer Orders!

Dear Supporter:



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

- 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 23, 2008 for the Western Regional Tournament program and no later than March 22, 2008 for the 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 **Tournament Program** ads to the Affiliate Director at the address below, in one envelope along with a check made payable to "Destination ImagiNation of NY – West " 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:

<p>Good Luck</p>  <p>Jones Elem. Roller Coaster Builders!!</p> <p>Your PTO is behind you all the way!</p>	<p>Roberts High School:</p> <p>Together Everyone Achieves More</p> <p>GO FOR IT!</p> <p>Roberts High Faculty Assoc.</p>	 <p>Mary and the Pasta Makers from Smith Middle School: These guys really COOK! Good Luck!</p> <p>Mrs. Jones</p>
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REMEMBER - your team keeps half of the money raised!

Please forward the order form and your check made payable to:
"NY-DI" for State Tournament Program Ads
"NY-DI WEST" for Western Regional Tournament Program Ads
to:

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

Eastern & Central Regional Teams should check with your Regional Director
Regarding Team Cheer Ads for your Regional Tournaments.

2008 TEAM CHEER ORDER FORM

_____ This Team Cheer ad is to be placed in Western Regional Tournament Program and is due 2/23/08

_____ This Team Cheer ad is to be placed in NY State Tournament Program and is due 3/22/08

AD SIZE

Please check the size of the ad you prefer:

_____ ¼ page \$20 (send only \$10, your team keeps \$10)

_____ ½ page \$40 (send only \$20, your team keeps \$20)

_____ Full page \$80 (send only \$40, your team keeps \$40)

*Checks should be made payable to "NY-DI" for State Tournament Ads
Checks should be made payable to "NY-DI WEST" for Western Regional Tournament Ads*

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

2008 NY-DI PIN ORDER FORM

PIN	# OF PINS ORDERED	PIN COST	TOTAL
3-Bear Metal Set		\$ 7.00	
Plunging Into Creativity		\$ 2.50	
Refreshing Creativity		\$ 2.50	
Up 2 The Challenge		\$ 2.50	
SHIPPING (add per pin)		\$.15	
TOTAL			

ORDERS NOT INCLUDING SHIPPING WILL NOT BE FILLED

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY:

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

2008 CHALLENGE PUZZLE PIN ORDER FORM

PIN	# PUZZLE PIN ORDERED	PUZZLE PIN	TOTAL
<i>Obstacles, Of Course!</i>		\$2.00	
<i>Hit or Myth</i>		\$2.00	
<i>DI've Got a Secret!</i>		\$2.00	
<i>Instant Challenge</i>		\$2.00	
<i>Chorific!</i>		\$2.00	
SWITCH!		\$2.00	
TwisDId History		\$2.00	
Team Manager		\$2.00	
<i>Appraiser Pin</i>		\$2.00	
Parent Pin		\$2.00	
Rising StarsPin		\$2.00	
10 pc. PUZZLE pin set		\$17.00	
SHIPPING (add per pin)		\$.15	
TOTAL			

ORDERS NOT INCLUDING SHIPPING WILL NOT BE FILLED

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY:

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



*Wishing you and yours
a most joyous holiday and New Year
surrounded by friends, family, fun,
laughter, love
and of course
creativity!*

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