



DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Do you like to solve problems?

Are you creative?

Do you like to work with a team?

If your answers to these questions are yes, then Destination Imagination may be right for you!

Destination Imagination® Colorado prepares Colorado's kids to be the innovators of the future by combining the arts, sciences, and technology with creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. Students learn collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity to bring their ideas to life.

Want to sign up or get more information?

DI Kickoff Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
6:00 pm in the Library

Parents – we need your help! Each team needs a parent or (preferably) two to manage the team. Please consider volunteering because students will not be able to participate if they don't have a team manager!

For more information on DI, please see the back of this flyer and visit <http://www.dicolorado.com/>.



What is Destination Imagination?

Destination Imagination (DI) is the world's largest creative problem solving competition program. More than 100,000 students from more than 30 different countries compete each year. Students form teams and work together to solve open-ended challenges over the school year. Through this program, kids will gain skills in teamwork, creative thinking, and problem solving.

How Does DI Work?

Students work in teams of 2 to 7 members to solve long-term challenges and practice Instant Challenges. The most important thing to remember is that this program is kid based! There is absolutely no outside help allowed. The Team Members generate the ideas, execute the ideas, and plan a performance showcasing their ideas. Team managers supervise, provide resources and teach skills, teamwork and problem solving skills.

Who Can Participate? How Are the Teams Formed?

Any CPA student in Grades K-8 is eligible to participate. Students will be grouped by grade – K, 1st & 2nd, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th and Middle School. 2nd graders can choose to be part of a non-competitive team (K – 2nd) or a competitive team (2nd & 3rd). If there are a large number of students in a group, multiple teams may be formed.

Each team will need one or two parent/staff volunteers to manage the team. If a team cannot find a team manager, then, unfortunately, those students will not be able to participate.

How Much Time Does DI Take?

Starting in late October, teams will meet after school once a week (estimated 3:30 – 5:00). Team managers will select the day of the week they will meet. Team members will also need to complete aspects of their project at home. As the tournament gets closer, teams will likely decide to add additional practice time.

The students will present their solutions at the Regional Tournament on March 9th, 2019. Teams placing at the Regional Tournament have the opportunity to compete in the State Tournament on April 6th, 2019.

How Much Will DI Cost?

The final cost cannot be determined until we know how many students and teams are participating, but it is believed that the fee to participate will be between \$50 and \$80 per student. This helps cover the cost of the five months of participation and tournament fees. In addition, there is the possibility that a fundraiser will be needed, and families will be expected to help.

At the Kickoff Meeting, we will decide if the families want to take turns providing snacks for practices or want to pay an extra fee for it to be covered. It's hard for kids to be at their creative best when they're hungry!

Try It Before You Buy It

If the student doesn't give DI their best effort, it is a waste of time for the student and a detriment to the team. To give students a chance to see if DI is right for them, we are giving students the chance to attend the first four practices (up until Thanksgiving) with no commitment. If they don't want to continue after that, no problem. If they love it and want to continue, we will ask the student to commit for the rest of the season and pay their participation fee. **The student** must really want to participate for them to have a good experience.

Questions Before the Information Meeting?

Contact Gina Quintanilla by email (gquintan123@gmail.com) or phone (303-842-4702).