

Rhode Island Destination Imagination

January 20, 2010

Dear Team Managers:

Thank you for the time and energy you have dedicated to your team of creative and talented Destination ImagiNation® students. We appreciate your efforts to facilitate, not lead; and encourage, not interfere with the learning process. At this point in the season we focus on:

- 1) celebrating solutions at the Tournament,
- 2) preparing team parents for Globals,
- 3) providing team appraisers and tournament volunteers,
- 4) completing registration.

Solutions: It may appear as if your team will never be ready by tournament day to present their solution. Remember - this is their challenge not yours. Teams pull together and complete amazing things just before the tournament. DI is not about perfection, it is about growth. Regardless of the level of completion teams have achieved for their solution, the tournament is a celebration of the wonderful things they have accomplished to solve their challenge. Please attend and let your team “strut their stuff” in whatever stage it is in.

Globals: We are a small affiliate, so your team has a good chance of being asked to represent Rhode Island in the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. Please prepare your team parents now for the possibility. Check the Resources Area in www.idodi.org for a parent guide, other Global Tournament information and fundraising ideas. Encourage your team parents to watch other teams perform at the Tournament. We will send the Tournament schedule about one week prior to March 27th to all registered teams.

Appraisers and Volunteers: Each team must supply at least one **Appraiser** and one **Tournament Volunteer**. As an added incentive; please note that Disney has a new program to encourage volunteering: “Give a day/Get a day”. This enables volunteers to earn a free day pass to a Disney park. More information about this opportunity will be available on our website and sent to you shortly. The Appraiser must be an adult, who is friendly, comfortable around children and able to attend both the Appraiser Training and the Tournament. Tournament volunteers may be as young as 13. We will provide community service certificates to those who need them. Volunteers need to be available the evening before or the day of the tournament.

- **Appraiser Training is on Saturday, March 13, 2010**, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, East Greenwich from 8:45 AM to 3PM. (At the discretion of the Tournament Director; some experienced appraisers will only need to attend the training session from 12 to 3 PM – please let Katie Jones know if this is the case.) We will send more information to appraisers prior to the training date. We must have contact information for your appraiser!
- The Tournament Volunteer is needed to either setup the tournament the night before, help out on tournament day, or clean up at the end of the tournament. The tournament duty of four hours per team may be shared by more than one person.
- **The Tournament is on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 8 AM to 5 PM at:
Cumberland High School, 2600 Mendon Road in Cumberland, RI.**

Registration: In order to organize appraiser training and the tournament schedule, we must have completed registration forms from all teams as soon as possible. **Please complete the Tournament Registration form below and send a copy via e-mail as directed. The form and fee must be received no later than February 20, 2010.** Please contact Katie Jones (848-5394), or April Edwards (333-1340) with your questions or concerns. **We look forward to welcoming you and your team in March!**

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, Rhode Island Destination ImagiNation

**Rhode Island Destination Imagination
2009-2010 State Tournament Registration Form**

Please complete the information listed below as soon as possible. Copy, paste and email *today* to Katie at kcwjones@cox.net and April at aredwards@cox.net.

1. Membership number -
2. Membership school -
3. Team Name –
4. Team Level (elementary, middle, high school) -
5. Team’s CENTRAL CHALLENGE -
6. Number of team members -
7. Team Manager name -
8. Manager mailing address –
9. Manager telephone –
10. Manager email -
11. Co-Manager name –
12. Co-Manager mailing address -
13. Co-Manager telephone -
14. Co-Manager email –
15. Appraiser name (s) –
16. Appraiser telephone (s) –
17. Appraiser email (s) –
18. Volunteer name (s) –
19. Volunteer email (s) –
20. Please describe any special considerations your team may need (e.g., a disability, allergy, or a TM/parent with two children on different teams):

Your team will be scheduled in the Tournament only when you complete registration.

Step 1:

Copy all of the information listed above into an E-mail. If possible, please send today; but no later than February 20 to kcwjones@cox.net and aredwards@cox.net

Step 2:

Print and send a copy of this form with a check for \$90/per team (Tournament registration fee). Make checks out to *RImagination* and send by February 20 to:

**RImagination
C/o Dale Ermer, Treasurer
16 Holburn Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910-5808**

We need the registration information now so that we may prepare the appraisers for training.

***** Early submissions get preferential time slots*****

Questions? Call Katie (848-5394) or April (333-1340)
www.ridestinationimagination.org