



Third-, Fourth-, and Fifth-Graders

Do you like to *sing* or *do science experiments* or *make computers from M&M's* or *paint* or *create tall tales* or *make up skits* or *solve puzzles* or *build things* or *break things* or *learn about other countries* or *design machines* or *calculate the trajectory of a ball **before** it hits the window?*

Then you might want to join a Destination Imagination (DI) team!

From the national DI website:

Destination Imagination is an innovative program that teaches creativity, teamwork and problem solving to students. Its main program is an unconventional team learning experience where student teams all over the world solve mind-bending Challenges.

Teams are tested to think on their feet, work as a team, and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges. Participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills—they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving.

Engagement in this program is a year-long exercise in creativity and teamwork. Teams of up to seven choose a competitive challenge, work together on this challenge from October through March, and present their solutions at a competitive regional tournament with opportunities to advance to state and global tournaments. A parent volunteer serves as a team manager, attending two manager training sessions.

Saturday September 26, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (NAMS fields)

There will be an outdoor North Andover-hosted DI Olympics. This event is open to everyone regardless of participation in the core DI program.

Wednesday September 30

This is the last day to register for the core DI program for 2009/2010.

Friday October 2

This is the last day to submit an entry for the 2009/2010 DI T-Shirt Design Contest. This contest is open to everyone regardless of participation in the core DI program.

If your child is interested in joining a DI team, or you're interested in helping out, please visit www.nadikids.org or contact Susan Hazarvartian at hazarvartian@teppllc.com.

***** Registration this year is ONLINE and ends Wednesday, September 30th. *****

Challenge A: Direct Deposit

You can deliver a pizza. You can deliver the news. You can be delivered from the brink of disaster. But can you deliver objects to targets you cannot see? Each object is like money – if you keep the money in your pocket you have some cash, but to become rich you need to decide how to invest it! Your team will have to consider which choices will earn the most rewards as you try to hit your targets. Whatever you decide, you'll have to work quickly, because the clock is ticking!

Challenge B: DI®-Bot

Robots – doing our chores and serving our every need! What could be better? Robotic Technology has changed our lives and made our dreams a reality. Gaming systems, cell phones, cars and factories all use Robotic Technology. What will Robotic Technology accomplish next? How will our lives change because of it? You get to decide and use your knowledge of Robotic Technology to show us what may happen!

Challenge C: You're Gonna Flip!

Bah Humbug! A man who lives only for money discovers how to love people. That's Ebenezer Scrooge. A young Kansas girl feels so unloved at home that she wants to run away. Over the rainbow, she learns to appreciate the love she has in her own backyard. That's Dorothy's story. Our understanding of the world can FLIP from one view to another. Theater, books and art are full of such turnabouts. Now your team gets to create your own story with a Flip! And what's better than a team-created puppet and a piece of Live Visual Art to help tell your story. You're gonna flip over this Challenge!

Challenge D: Do or DI®

Going... Going... Gone? A Threatened Thing is in danger of extinction, and YOU are its only hope for survival! With a Stock Character and a very Unimpressive Superpower, can you save land line telephones, the Polar Bear, or even the Great Barrier Reef? But wait...do all threatened things need to be saved or is it better if some go the way of the dinosaur? You decide to Do or DI!

Challenge E: Breaking DI News

What's black and white and read all over? A newspaper, of course! When we think of newspapers we think of stories and pictures from around the world. People have been reading newspapers every day for more than 400 years, but newspapers can do more than tell stories. When you're finished reading a newspaper, it can be transformed into home insulation, animal bedding or even pencils! In this Challenge your team will demonstrate some of the many uses of newspaper. You will reduce your props, reuse a story and recycle a newspaper all to prove that you CAN do more with less!