

# Jeffco Destination ImagiNation® Newsletter Fall, 2006

## Exciting New Year Begins for Jeffco Destination ImagiNation®!!

Join students from over 400 Colorado schools who are taking the Destination ImagiNation® challenge! Created by a dedicated group of volunteers that includes parents, educators and a host of concerned individuals, Destination ImagiNation is a program that takes the ideas of creativity, problem solving and teamwork and packages them in a fun and meaningful way. Based on the concept of divergent thinking – understanding that there is more than one way to solve a problem – Destination ImagiNation encourages children to build on their strengths and to discover skills they never knew they possessed, be they technical, theatrical, analytical, comic, linguistic, musical...the list goes on! Each Challenge also addresses several of the National Educational Standards. We are excited about the Challenges and about working with you to make this the best DI year for the kids! They'll be proud to say "I DO DI"™

## Membership Registration and Fees for 2006-2007

Welcome to the new, streamlined Membership Registration process. It is truly simple! To register your membership go to [www.shopdi.org](http://www.shopdi.org). Click on the "Purchase Your Membership" button and follow the step-by-step instructions to purchase your membership. You will be purchasing both your National Membership and your Colorado Membership. One copy of the printed materials and a cd with the materials are included with each membership. (Last year, printed materials were extra!)

### Membership Registration Fees:

1 pak (1 team)	\$210	National - \$110	Colorado - \$100
5 pak (2 – 5 teams)	\$350	National - \$225	Colorado - \$125
Rising Stars!	\$ 25	or is included with the purchase of a Rising Stars! kit	

\* **NOTE:** The Colorado fee is added at the end of the process when you click on the "add to my cart" button!

The Jeffco Tournament Registration fee remains at \$50 per team.

We appreciate your continued support and participation in Jeffco's Destination ImagiNation! If you have any questions, please give us a call.

**2007 Jeffco Tournament  
Saturday, March 10, 2007  
at  
Arvada High School**



## JEFFCO DI WEB PAGE



Visit our GREAT Jeffco DI web page at: [www.jeffcodi.org](http://www.jeffcodi.org) or at [www.jeffcodi.info](http://www.jeffcodi.info) . This page has it all – with just a click of your mouse, you can learn all about the Challenges, Challenge Masters, Tournament information, getting started, volunteering, training opportunities, schedules and resources. You can even download the Jeffco Membership Registration from the site. Be sure to check us out!

### Clarifications

If your team has a question about your Challenge, after you're registered with DI Online and received your membership number you can ask for a team Clarification from the International Challenge Masters. Just go to the DI web page at [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org), and click on "Clarifications" at the top of the page. **Check first** to be sure your question is not answered by a *Published Clarification* for your Challenge. If you don't see a *Published Clarification* about your question, sign up to receive a Team Clarification. You will be able to directly ask the International Challenge Masters, and you will receive a private answer within a few days. The question and the answer will not be shared with any other team, so your great idea will remain known only by your team. **Be sure to check the *Published Clarifications* often (at least once a week)!!** Remember, Clarifications take precedence over what is written in the Challenge and the *Rules of the Road*.

### Cool Materials Available...FREE!!

We have terrific **flyers, and posters** for you to use to promote Destination ImagiNation in your school!! It's all FREE!! All you have to do is contact Nyla Kimmett at 720-922-9399 or Sheila Swanson at 303-979-3047 and you can get what you need!

There is also a **DI Training Video** and a video of **DI Team Challenge and Instant Challenge Presentations** available. The Training Video consists of a terrific introduction to Destination ImagiNation that you can use at information meetings, followed by a Team Manager training. The Performance videos allow you to see a wide variety of Presentations in every type of Challenge, as well as Instant Challenges.

### Professional Development Credits

Credits will again be available for Jeffco educators who participate in Destination ImagiNation. If you are using the credits for re-licensing, you only have to contact Bob Stark's office for a certificate of completion. If you are using the credits for salary advance, the following items must be completed and sent to Betty Nissler in the GT Office in the Ed Center.

1. Fill out an Inservice Credit form #74.
2. Credit fee is \$15.00. Make check payable to Jefferson County Schools.

Information for R-1 Inservice credits:

Course Title: Creative Problem Solving

Dates: September, 2006 through March 10, 2007

Instructor: Bob Stark (he must sign the form)

**Appraisers:** (1 credit) #4001-0621

**Building Coordinators & Steering Committee members:** (2 credits) #4002-0621

**Team Managers:** (3 credits) #4003-0621



### Rising Stars!® Kits



The Rising Stars!® problem-solving program is designed just for young students aged 4-7 years old, or K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. It consists of age appropriate activities that offer young children the opportunity to discover the fascinating world of creativity, teamwork and problem solving. The Rising Stars! Program includes teamwork activities, creative thinking tool applications, Instant Challenges, curriculum lessons and the Rising Stars! Team Challenge: *1-2-Change-A-Roo!*

Rising Stars! program materials are available for purchase at [www.shopdi.org](http://www.shopdi.org). **Enter Colorado's code: 10606** and Colorado receives at 10% rebate on **every item you purchase** – a great way to get valuable resource materials and to help support DI in Colorado.

# DESTINATION IMAGINATION®

## 2006 – 07 Challenge Previews

### Challenge A: *Direct Flight*

**Focus:** *Technical Design and Construction, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Experimentation, Theater Arts, Strategic Planning, Teamwork*

**The Destination: *Where This Challenge Will Take You!***

Have you ever dreamed of soaring in the clouds and then gliding back to earth, defying gravity to feel the wind in your hair and see the world from a whole new perspective? Like many in history who have dreamed this dream before you, in this Challenge your team will have the chance to create Aircraft and show how they soar, perform stunts and then land exactly where you planned. Like Leonardo, Amelia, Joseph and Jacques, Wilbur and Orville, you can show the world that your ideas are destined to fly!

**Points of Interest! *Your team will:***

- Design and construct one or more Aircraft that will fly to one of several Landing Zones. One of the Aircraft will be constructed at the Tournament from a single sheet of paper.
- Design and construct up to three Elevators that will raise and release the Aircraft.
- Randomly select Test Flight Cards and conduct Test Flights of the Aircraft as described on the Cards.
- Create a skit with a Story that will bring together all elements of the team's Presentation.
- Create two *Side Trips* and integrate them into your team's Presentation.

### Challenge B: *CSI: DI*

**Focus:** *Theater Arts (Playwriting, Technical Design and Construction), Scientific Principles of Light, Shadow & Illumination, Technical Design, Innovation and Design Process, Investigative Techniques, Deductive Reasoning, Teamwork*

**The Destination: *Where This Challenge Will Take You!***

Color. Shadow. Illumination. Your colorful crime-fighting team has the technology to shed light on an investigation! Just like Sherlock Holmes and Nancy Drew, colorful characters before you have delved into the shadows to investigate cases. Investigators often use gadgets to help illuminate the evidence needed to solve the case. Your Challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to bring another case to a close!

**Points of Interest! *Your team will:***

- Develop and present an original Story about the investigation of a Case, the supporting Evidence, and the resolution of that Case.
- Include a Colorful Character and a Shadowy Character in the Story.
- Use innovative methods to produce a theatrical CSI Effect by using Color, Shadow and/or Illumination.
- Design and build a Gadget that uses one or more of the Properties of Visible Light coming from or into the Gadget to reveal or analyze at least one piece of Physical Evidence.
- Create two *Side Trips* and integrate them into the Presentation.

### Challenge C: *Round About Courage*

**Focus:** *Playwriting, Theater Arts (Theater in the Round, Props and Set Pieces), Technical Effects, Innovation and Design Process, Teamwork*

**The Destination: *Where This Challenge Will Take You!***

Heroes are courageous – they sometimes slay dragons to save whole villages! But there are also everyday acts of courage like raising your hand in class or trying a new stunt on your skateboard. Your team will create and present a story of a Heroic Adventure that includes a Personal Challenge for the Hero to overcome. The Presentation will be done in the style of Theater in the Round and will include a Technical Set Piece that brings your Story to life. And you have to do everything without electricity! It's time for your hero to show brilliant courage to those who surround your stage.

**Points of Interest! *Your team will:***

- Present a theatrical performance of a team-created Story about a Heroic Adventure.
- Include a Hero in the Story who must overcome a Personal Challenge.
- Present your performance in the style of Theater in the Round.
- Integrate one or more Technical Set Piece(s) or Prop(s) into your Presentation.

- Present your solution without the use of electricity.
- Create two *Side Trips* and add them into the Presentation.

## Challenge D: *Switching traDItions*

**Focus:** *Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Research, Social Studies, Geography, Theater Arts, Teamwork, Design and Innovation*

**The Destination: *Where This Challenge Will Take You!***

Truly experiencing another culture requires every sense – to really appreciate how others live, you must see, feel, hear, taste and smell what makes their lives different from yours. In this Challenge, you'll zoom around the world experiencing International Traditions in a matter of nanoseconds. At one moment you may taste the tang of sauce currie in France, and then in the next moment you hear traditional throat singing in Tuva. Poof! You touch the mysteries of ancient Egypt. Let your senses guide you through a world of Traditions!

**Points of Interest! *Your team will:***

- Create an original six-minute Improvisational Skit during a 30-minute timed period at the Tournament.
- Research six different team-selected Nations and their Traditions and at the Tournament randomly choose three to integrate into your Skit.
- Present a Skit with three Scenes. Each Scene must include one Nation's Tradition and one 'sensory' experience from the Nation that has been randomly drawn from Sensory Cards.
- Integrate a randomly selected Situation into your Skit.
- Create a traDItionator from materials brought to the Tournament and integrate it into your Skit.
- Demonstrate at least one Improv Technique in your Skit.
- Integrate a randomly selected Picture into your Skit.

## Challenge E: *Card-DI-ology*

**Focus:** *Architectural Design, Structural Engineering, Construction, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Architectural Drawing, Mathematics, Theater Arts, Teamwork*

**The Destination: *Where This Challenge Will Take You!***

Is your destiny in the cards? CARDS are everywhere! CARDS prove our identity. CARDS allow us access to locked doors. CARDS can lead to financial ruin. We are in desperate need of a Card-DI-ologist! Can you help? You need to present a story about the impact of cards, and you must build a Structure out of Playing Cards. When your Structure is tested to see how much weight it will hold, is success in the CARDS?

**Points of Interest! *Your team will:***

- Design, build, and test a Structure made completely of Playing Cards and with or without Glue.
- Create an Architectural Drawing of the Structure.
- Create and present a Story about the impact or effect any kind of card or cards has on a Character in the Story.
- Create two *Side Trips* and integrate them into the Presentation.

## Rising Stars!® Challenge: *Make It New, It's Up To You*

**This Challenge is one option available to students in grade 2 and younger. These students also have the option of competing in any of the other Challenges.**

**Focus:** *Understanding geography, Researching landmarks, Changing a landmark, Designing and building, Making an invention, Writing a play, Sequencing steps, Making noises, Performing in front of an audience, Working with others*

**The Destination: *What is our Challenge?***

Your Challenge is to make up a Play that will have a Landmark that changes. A Landmark is a well-known, special place. Some or all of your team must get inside the Landmark. You will also create an Invention that will make a noise and will change the Landmark in some way. One Character wears a hat you have made out of newspaper.

**Full copies of the Team Challenges are available once 2006-07 Membership payment has been received. Memberships may be purchased at Shop DI ([www.shopdi.org](http://www.shopdi.org)).**

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!



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## DI Calendar

### Team Manager Trainings

- Saturday, October 28, 2006 Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury, DU Campus 8:00am – 4:00pm
- Saturday, December 2, 2006 South High School, 1700 E. Louisiana Ave 8:00am – 4:00pm
- Saturday, January 13, 2007 **Location TBA** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**IC Clearly Instant Challenge Workshop – Campus Middle School, 4785 S. Dayton St.  
Saturday, January 20, 2007**

### INTERNATIONAL/STATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- December 15, 2006

### JEFFCO REGISTRATION, TEAM ROSTER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

- January 31, 2007

### Appraiser Trainings – DU, Sturm Hall, 2040 South Race St.

- Saturday, February 10, 2007 Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury, DU Campus 8:00am – Noon
- Saturday, February 24 **Location TBA** 8:00am – Noon

## JEFFCO TOURNAMENT!!!

**Saturday, March 10, 2007**

**Arvada High School**

### Colorado Affiliate Championship Tournament

Saturday, April 28, 2007

University of Denver

### D2k.7 Global Finals

May 23 through May 26, 2007

University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN



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## Jeffco Challenge Masters for 2006-2007

### Direct Flight

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**Jefferson County Destination ImagiNation®**  
 2006 - 2007 Membership Registration  
 DEADLINE – JANUARY 31, 2007  
 Registration Fee - \$50 PER Team

**PLEASE  
 COMPLETE  
 BOTH SIDES OF  
 THIS FORM!**

**Please type or print in black ink**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DI Building Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please provide a complete home address if not at the school.)

Each Membership with 1 – 3 teams is required to submit the name of one person willing to be an Appraiser for the Jeffco Tournament on March 10, 2007. Memberships with more than 3 teams must also submit the name of one person willing to volunteer at the Tournament.

Name of Appraiser	Address	(H)	(W)	Phone
Name of Appraiser	Address	(H)	(W)	Phone
Name of volunteer	Address	(H)	(W)	Phone
Name of volunteer	Address	(H)	(W)	Phone

**Coordinators:** Please submit this completed form to the address below. Make checks payable to Jeffco Schools DI. **The office must have the form in order for school Registration for Jeffco Tournament to be confirmed. Complete both sides of this form and submit by January 31, 2007. All information must be completed before registration can be confirmed.**

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Teams from \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ School or Membership name) (5 teams or more \$250.00)

If the school is paying the fee from its budget, the financial secretary may process an electronic journal entry. If so, please send a copy of the journal entry to Sue Raney in the Gifted and Talented financial office. Use the following account information: SR030(Fund/Unit)-451500(Account)-84008(Dept ID)-1023(Program).

Return this form to:  
**Jefferson County Schools**  
**Sue Raney**  
**GT Office-EFF Annex**  
**809 Quail St Bldg #1**  
**Lakewood, CO 80215**

# Jeffco Tournament Team Registration

**PLEASE  
COMPLETE  
BOTH SIDES OF  
THIS FORM!**

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

Membership Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Challenge:</b> _____ Challenge A: <i>Direct Flight</i> _____ Challenge B: <i>CSI: DI</i> _____ Challenge C: <i>Round About Courage</i> _____ Challenge D: <i>Switching traDitions</i> _____ Challenge E: <i>Card-DI-ology</i> _____ Rising Stars!: <i>Make It New, It's Up To You!</i>	<b>Level:</b> (Challenges A, B, C, D, E only) _____ Elementary Level (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) <b>OR</b> <i>No member age 12 by 6/15/07</i> _____ Middle Level (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) <b>OR</b> <i>No member age 15 by 6/15/07</i> _____ Secondary Level (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade) <b>OR</b> <i>No member age 19 by 6/15/07</i>
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**Team Information:**

Team Member	Date of Birth	Grade	School

ONLY Rising Stars! teams may have more than 7 team members. If your Rising Stars! team has more than 7 team members, check here  # of team members \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**Volunteer Information:** Each team is asked to provide ONE Appraiser/Tournament volunteer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JEFFCO DI TOURNAMENT, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NATIONAL & STATE MEMBERSHIP. YOU MUST ALSO REGISTER WITH JEFFCO DI. YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE NATIONAL AND STATE. YOU CAN CLIP THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE JEFFCO REGISTRATION.**

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**I C Clearly – Instant Challenge Workshop**

**When:** Saturday, January 20, 2007 **Time:** 8:30 am – 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Campus Middle School, 4785 S. Dayton Street, Greenwood Village

Learn the strategies and get hands-on experience - learn Instant Challenge inside and out! This workshop is designed to help you train your teams to easily tackle complex Instant Challenges. Your **\$30 class fee** includes course materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. You must pre-register with fees paid to attend. **Send your registration with payment to Colorado Extreme Creativity, 1981 S. University Blvd., Denver CO 80208.**

**REGISTRATION**

**Please copy and use a separate form for each participant.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for confirmation & any last minute changes or information)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
University of Denver

Registrations must be received by January 10 to ensure that we have enough materials for all participants.  
**Registration**

**TO:  
GIFTED & TALENTED LIAISON**

**\*\* Gifted & Talented Liaison: Please give this  
to the Destination ImagiNation® Building  
Coordinator\*\***

**Thank You!!**