

Jeffco Destination ImagiNation® Newsletter Fall, 2007

Exciting New Year Begins for Jeffco Destination ImagiNation®!!

What is Destination ImagiNation?

Imagine that you and a few friends are given a project to complete without help. The project involves designing and constructing a technical device that must move from point A to point B under its own power. You must create a story that involves the technical device, props and costumes. Now imagine that you and your teammates are 10 years old... and you are hearing the thunderous applause of an enthusiastic audience as you present your completed project!



If you think this is far-fetched, you haven't been to a Destination ImagiNation® Tournament! Our teams solve Challenges like these, ON THEIR OWN! Our Team Challenges encourage development of Creative Problem Solving techniques, teamwork and creative process. They:

- * Are fun to solve
- * Are academically-based
- * Teach Life skills
- * Prepare students for our changing world
- * Are open to students in grades K – 12
- * Include:
 - Technical/Mechanical Design
 - Structural/Architectural Design
 - Theatrical/Literary/Fine Arts
 - Scientific Exploration
 - Improvisation

Membership Registration and Fees for 2007-2008

To register your membership, go to 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.

Membership Registration Fees:

1 pak (1 team)	\$220	National - \$110	Colorado - \$100	\$10 Shipping
5 pak (2 – 5 teams)	\$360	National - \$225	Colorado - \$125	\$10 Shipping
Rising Stars!	\$ 30	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: Sheila Swanson – 303-979-3047 or Nyla Kimmett – 720-922-9399.

Jeffco Tournament
Saturday, March 1, 2008
at
Lakewood High School



JEFFCO DI WEB PAGE



Visit our GREAT Jeffco DI web page at: www.jeffcodi.org or at 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 Tournament 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 ShopDI 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, 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 Kimmitt at 720-922-9399 or Sheila Swanson at 303-979-3047 and you can get what you need!

There is also a good Intro to DI video on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yTFBozqpQM>

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 Susan Ashbridge'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: Destination ImagiNation

Dates: September, 2007 through March 10, 2008

Instructor: Susan Ashbridge (she must sign the form)

Appraisers: (1 credit – minimum of 15 hours) Course number will be assigned when paperwork received.

Building Coordinators & Steering Committee members: (2 credits – minimum of 30 hours) -
Course number will be assigned when paperwork received.

Team Managers: (3 credits – minimum of 45 hours) Course number will be assigned when paperwork received.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION®

2007 – 08 Challenge Previews

Challenge A: Obstacles, Of Course!

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

The Destination: Overcoming obstacles, and how we do it, helps all of us grow and reach our goals. To solve this Challenge, your team's vehicle will need to go over, under, around and through obstacles that it encounters on its path. Your final score will depend on the choices your team makes - to overcome obstacles, of course! It's all up to YOU!

Challenge B: Hit or Myth

Focus: Science, Theater Arts, Research, Teamwork, International Studies

The Destination: Myths, folk tales and urban legends exist in many nations around the world. How do we know whether they're truth or fiction? By using the Scientific Method! So get on your lab coats - now it's your chance to find out, with the help of science, whether it's a Hit or Myth!

Challenge C: DI've Got a Secret!

Focus: Playwriting, Theater Arts (Design, Construction, Costumes and Set Pieces), Optical Physics, Teamwork

The Destination: Nothing is as it seems as your secret unfolds. Your team will turn a secret into great entertainment, dazzle everyone with an optical illusion and set pieces that connect to become part of the big surprise. Will everyone beg to know more? We'll all have to wait until your secret is revealed!

Challenge D: Chorific!

Focus: Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Theater Arts, Teamwork, Sound Design

The Destination: It is just a simple, ordinary chore. Now you have to overcome obstacles, and famous figures of the past and present suddenly appear. With an artful sound design to accompany you on your mission, you must use your improv techniques to tackle a chore no longer ordinary, but extraordinary! Only you can conquer everything that gets in your way and complete your chore. Only then will you be Chorific!

Challenge E: SWITCH!

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

The Destination: Did you ever have to make up your mind? Choose one thing and leave the other behind? Not this time! You get to try something two different ways! You will test your Structure's strength one way, and the SWITCH! You test your Structure another way. You will also pull some other SWITCHES to show how one item can do different jobs! So get ready – SWITCHING has never been so much fun!

Rising Stars Team Challenge: TwisDId History!

Focus: Imagining Possibilities, Storytelling, Research, History, Geometric Shapes, Performing in front of an audience, Working with others

The Destination: Choose something that happened in the past and change it. You will make up a Play that tells the story of how your team changed history. Your story will have a beginning, a middle, and an end. You will have characters in your Play, and you will also make up a song. You will make a Magical Prop that is made up of different shapes. The Magical Prop will help you change history.

 **Rising Stars!® Kits** 

The Rising Stars!® problem-solving program is designed just for young students aged 4-7 years old, or K through 2nd 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

Rising Stars! program materials are available for purchase at 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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!



DI Calendar

Team Manager Trainings

Nov. 10, 2007	Overland HS, 12400 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Dec. 1, 2007	South HS 1700 E. Louisiana Ave, Denver	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Jan. 12, 2008	Overland HS, 12400 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora	8:00 am – 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

□ January 15, 2008

JEFFCO REGISTRATION, TEAM ROSTER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE

□ January 15, 2008

Appraiser Trainings

Feb. 9, 2008	Lakewood HS, 9700 W. 8 th Ave., Lakewood	8:00 am – Noon
Feb. 23, 2008	Gateway HS, 1300 S. Sable Ave, Aurora	8:00 am – Noon

JEFFCO TOURNAMENT!!!

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Lakewood High School

Colorado Affiliate Championship Tournament

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Location TBA

D2k.8 Global Finals

May 21 through May 24, 2008

University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN

Jefferson County Destination ImagiNation®

2007- 2008 Membership Registration

DEADLINE – JANUARY 15, 2008

Registration Fee - \$50 PER Team

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 **TEAM** must submit the name of one person willing to be an Appraiser or Volunteer for the Jeffco Tournament on March 1, 2008. Additional names are always welcome! Thank you for your help with this very important part of our program.

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 Membership to be confirmed. You will submit your Team Roster by January 15, 2008.**

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 Shannon 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
Shannon Rood
GT Office-EFF Annex
809 Quail St Bldg #1
Lakewood, CO 80215**

TEAM ROSTER
JEFFCO DESTINATION IMAGINATION
MARCH 1, 2008 TOURNAMENT

Submit one form for each team!

School/Membership Name: _____ Membership Number: _____	Team Name: _____ Challenge: _____ Level: _____
Team Manager: Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____	Team Manager: Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____
Team Member: Name: _____ Age or grade: _____	Team Member: Name: _____ Age or grade: _____
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Team Member: Name: _____ Age or grade: _____	



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Jeffco Challenge Masters for 2007-2008

Obstacles, of Course!

Frank Swanson	303-979-3047	swanson6@mindspring.com
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Hit or Myth

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DI've Got a Secret!

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Chorific!

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SWITCH!

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Rising Stars!

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Instant Challenge

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Score Room

Sandy Christiansen

Volunteer Coordinator

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