

# Jeffco Destination ImagiNation®

## Newsletter

### Fall, 2005

#### 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"™

#### Changes: New Tournament Fee Structure

One of the goals for Colorado's Destination ImagiNation is to have consistency and fairness throughout the state. As we reviewed our Fee structure this summer and learned more about the structure for other regions, it became clear that we needed to make a change. In the past we have charged \$110 per school to participate in our Jeffco Tournament. This system was a benefit to the schools with 5 teams and unfairly burdened schools with only 1 team. To achieve a more equitable distribution of costs to the teams, we are changing the way we charge Tournament fees for the Jeffco Tournament.

Beginning now, 2005, the fee for each **TEAM** will be \$50. Thus, schools with one team pay \$50 and schools with 5 teams pay \$250. This is truly a more equitable distribution of resources. If your school has more than 5 teams, you will pay only the \$250.

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

#### Affiliate (State) and National Registration Fees

The costs for the Affiliate and National Registration Fees are:

Individual or 1 Pak	\$200
5 Pak	\$300

The funds generated by the National fees provide for the program materials including the Challenges, Team Manager's Guide and the Rules of the Road as well as the research and preparation necessary for each item. Affiliate funds provide the free Team Manager trainings and Appraiser trainings and support the program through out the state.

The Jeffco Tournament Fee covers all the costs associated with producing the Jeffco Regional Tournament.

**2006 Jeffco Tournament**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2006**  
**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 Kimmitt 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. You can borrow the videos by calling Vilma Budzynski at 303-982-6673; she will pony the video to your school. We have a limited supply, so it is important that you return the material to Vilma after you have used it so others can share it.

### 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, 2004 through April 3, 2005

Instructor: Bob Stark (he must sign the form)

**Appraisers:** (1 credit) #4001-0421

**Building Coordinators & Steering Committee members:** (2 credits) #4002-0421

**Team Managers:** (3 credits) #4003-0421



### Rising Stars!® Kit III



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: CO888A27** 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®

## 2005 – 06 Challenge Previews

### **A: Back At You!**

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

#### **Where This Challenge Will Take You!**

Tides come in and go out, birds migrate every Spring and Fall, yo-yos and boomerangs come back to you. In nature and by design, things are made to leave and return again. Your Challenge is to create a round trip Delivery Device and Receiver that repeatedly sends balls back and forth. How will your team integrate the balls' many round trips into a Presentation about someone or something that goes away and comes back?

### **B: Kidz Rulz**

Focus: Theater Arts (Playwriting, Set Design and Construction), Physics (Rules of Motion), Technical Design, Innovation and Design Process, Teamwork

#### **Where this Challenge Will Take You!**

There are rules at the library (keep your voice down), rules in the cafeteria (don't cut in line), rules in traffic (don't run the red light), and rules at the video store (don't keep the movie too long!). But what about the REALLY BIG rules, the ones nobody can break? The basic principles of the Universe. Physics and the properties of motion are some of the basic rules of the Universe – but what if you could change them? Your team will create a story about a place where **Kidz Rulz** reign!

### **C: How'd tHAT Happen?**

Focus: Playwriting Genres, Theater Arts, Research, International Studies, Innovation and Design Process, Teamwork

#### **Where This Challenge Will Take You!**

You hear an unbelievable story and the first thing you want to know is, "wHAT happened?!" And, "How did that happen?!" Now you are the author and everyone wants to know what the characters in your story have been up to. Your team will be stylin' as you tell a story that will have the world talking about a very unusual Hat and a Bizarre Happening. How will you tell it? As a Comedy or a Soap Opera? A Musical or a Mystery? How about a Reality Show or an Adventure? Maybe a Silent Movie or a Science Fiction tale? You decide! The audience has the questions. YOU have ALL the answers! So tell us... **How'd tHAT Happen?**

### **D: On Safari**

Focus: Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Research, Theater Arts, Teamwork

#### **Where This Challenge Will Take You!**

It's a little bit wild and a whole lot dangerous, as you learn when your Safari takes a DIsastrous turn! No matter how prepared you are for your adventure, you never know what you are going to meet around the next bend...that's why you and your team are prepared with an Original Innovative Device that will get your adventure back on track. If you love decoding symbols, exploring the unknown and can prepare an Improv solution in 30 minutes; this Challenge is perfect for you!

### **E: Inside DImenions**

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

#### **Where This Challenge Will Take You!**

Have you ever imagined the interesting, amusing and unexpected secrets you could find out if walls could talk? What things might the walls tell you about the people who have lived there? Imagine what the walls of ancient structures could tell us! Your Challenge is to reveal the real inside story about a structure of your teams' choosing as the creation tells the story of its creator! And for a real Inside DImension, build two Structures of Wood and Glue that fit inside one another and test them to see how much weight they can hold.

### **Rising Stars! 1-2-Change-A-Roo (non-competitive)**

Focus: Building and designing, Storytelling, Appreciating literature, Analyzing characters, Solving problems, Understanding mathematical concepts, Performing in front of an audience, Working with others.

#### **Where This Challenge Will Take You!**

I wonder what is waiting just beyond the door.

Is there something in there hiding on the floor?

We can make an opening and bravely climb on through,

I'll go first! What was that? 1-2-Change-A-Roo! Your Challenge is to make up a Play. Your Play must have a number in it. You and your teammates will be in the Play. You will build a Prop that has an opening. This opening should be big enough for at least one team member to go through it. One team member will go through the opening and change in some way. Your team will make something out of newspaper and tape.

# How Do I Join Destination ImagiNation®?

## Step One: Buy a membership in ShopDI

1. Go to [www.shopdi.org](http://www.shopdi.org) and click on **2005-2006 DI memberships**.
2. Select your **membership type** by clicking the name of the membership you wish to purchase.
3. On the resulting screen, select your Affiliate (state, province, or country) and **materials package**, and enter the desired name of your membership.
4. Press the “Add to Cart” button and your membership configuration will be added to your ShopDI shopping cart.
5. To complete your order, press the **Checkout** button. If you have not logged into the ShopDI system, you will be prompted to do so at this point.

**TIP:** If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to register, please contact Destination ImagiNation, Inc. headquarters at 856-881-1603 and we will fax or mail you an application form.

A “**ShopDI**” account is not the same thing as a “**DI Online**” account. Existing **DI Online** accounts will not work in **ShopDI**. If you already have a ShopDI account, enter the registered email address and password here. If you do not have a ShopDI account, you’ll find the fields to create an account directly beneath the login boxes. Fill in the information, press **Submit**, and you will be prompted through the checkout process.

**TIP:** If you do not pay by **credit card**, you must remember to print your order receipt and send it along with your payment to Destination ImagiNation, Inc. headquarters. This receipt is available at the order completion screen, from the “My Account” page, and is sent via e-mail automatically. Payment by credit card is the fastest route to obtaining a membership.

You will not receive **membership activation** instructions until payment is received.

## Step Two: Activate your membership in DI Online

Once payment has been received and processed, a CD of program materials (as well as printed materials if you ordered them) will be mailed to the shipping address on the ShopDI account. You will also receive an email containing your membership **activation code**, along with instructions on how to register.

You will need the following information to register your membership:

- Your membership activation code
- Name of your school, organization, or other entity
- Name and email address of the School Coordinator(s) or Contact(s) for the membership

Follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.dionline.org](http://www.dionline.org)
2. Click the link that reads **Membership Activation**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions and fill in the information described above

## Step Three: Register Teams in your membership

After your membership has been registered, you may add one or more teams, up to the limit of your membership. When you register a Team, you will be prompted for several pieces of information, including the following:

- Name and email address of the Team Manager(s)
- Team Name: You may enter the next group of items at a later date; however, this information will be required in order for your team to compete in any DI Tournament or Event:
- Name, gender, date of birth/grade of each member of the Team
- Team Challenge in which the Team will compete
- Level at which the Team will compete

Once you have all your information, follow the instructions below:

1. Go to [www.dionline.org](http://www.dionline.org) and log into your DI Online account
2. From your homepage, click the membership number in the Memberships side box
3. Click the link that reads **Add a Team**
4. Follow the on-screen instructions and fill in the information as described above

**TIP:** Only the **Contact** person will have access to team information and is responsible for keeping data current.

**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 14, 2006 **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***

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!



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## DI Calendar

### **Team Manager Trainings – DU, Sturm Hall, 2040 South Race St.**

- Saturday, November 12      7:30am – 4:00pm
- Saturday, December 10      7:30am – 4:00pm
- Saturday, January 7      7:30am – 4:00pm

### **IC Clearly Instant Challenge Workshop – Campus Middle School, 4785 S. Dayton St. Saturday, January 14, 2006**

### **INTERNATIONAL/STATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

- December 15, 2005

### **JEFFCO REGISTRATION, TEAM ROSTER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE**

- January 31, 2006

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

- Saturday, February 11      8:00am – Noon
- Saturday, February 25      8:00am – Noon

### **JEFFCO TOURNAMENT!!!**

**Saturday, April 1, 2006**

**Arvada High School**

### **Colorado Affiliate Championship Tournament**

Saturday, April 29, 2006

University of Denver

### **D2k.3 Global Finals**

May 24 through May 27, 2006

University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN



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## Jeffco Challenge Masters for 2005-2006

### Back At You!

Frank Swanson	303-979-3047	swanson6@mindspring.com
Gary Christiansen	303-987-2463	XATAR@aol.com

### Kidz Rulz

Vilma & Tim Budzynski	303-979-1471	Vbudzyns@Jeffco.K12.co.us
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### How'd tHAT Happen?

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### On Safari

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Jessica Lohmann	303-287-9123	jessica@vistatitle.com

### Inside Dimensions

Joe McDermott	303-972-4150	mcdmrtt@comcast.net
Jim Sirko	720-652-0688	jsirko@sirko.com

### Rising Stars!

Barbara Hartmann	303-933-1611	bhartma02@msn.com
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### Instant Challenge

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Scott Stoker	720-872-6307	locke8hobbes@hotmail.com

### Volunteer Coordinator

Diane Fechenbach	303-791-4591	dfechenbach@qwest.net
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### Jeffco Regional Directors

Nyla Kimmett	720-922-9399	NyDan76004@comcast.com
Sheila Swanson	303-979-3047	<a href="mailto:swanson6@mindspring.com">swanson6@mindspring.com</a>

**Jefferson County Destination ImagiNation®**

2005 - 2006 Membership Registration

DEADLINE – JANUARY 31, 2006

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 Membership with 1 – 3 teams is required to submit the name of one person willing to be an Appraiser for the Jeffco Tournament on April 1, 2006. Memberships with more than 3 teams must also submit the name of one person willing to volunteer at the Tournament.

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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 at [www.dionline.org](http://www.dionline.org) by January 31, 2006.**

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**