



DESTINATION  
IMAGINATION®

.....  
**North Dakota**

A PROGRAM OF CREATE NORTH DAKOTA



MID YEAR

TEAM  
SUMMIT

## Welcome to the 2015-16 Season!

**Team registration for the 2015-16 season of Destination Imagination is officially open!**

If your child is creative, is crazy about puzzles, loves to paint and draw, can build anything out of cardboard boxes, writes amazing stories, thinks up whimsical new worlds, is totally into science, or has rewired your toaster into a working time machine (or wants to), then you may have a Destination Imagination child.

Destination Imagination (DI) Challenges are all about fostering creativity, courage, and curiosity and teaching students how to think, not what to think. Each year, we

offer seven different open-ended academic Challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts, service learning, and early learning.

Schools throughout 30+ countries often run DI as an after-school program or incorporate it into their electives curriculum. If your school doesn't offer DI, however, your children can still participate.

If you have questions about challenge materials purchases, please call our national customer service representatives at 1.888.321.1503 or email them at AskDI@dihq.org. They will be happy to help. You can also contact Affiliate Director Max Kringen anytime at 701.212.5372 or mkringen@creatend.org

The skills learned are not only an essential part of developing the whole person, but are a sound investment in our children.

Destination Imagination North Dakota is hosting a team summit January 30th at Northern Cass School.

At this event, you and your team will get to meet your challenge master as well as get a feel for the space and performance areas.

Teams will hone their Instant Challenge skills throughout the day to get ready for the Affiliate tournament.

Team Managers will have their own activities throughout the day learning more about the challenge and tournament as well as participating in a round table about managing a team to the state tournament.

We help students **develop**  
and **use** their imagination  
to **improve the world!** #iamdi



# Important Dates

## Team Manager Training

December 5 - Moorhead  
December 6 - Bismarck

## Appraiser Training

February 27 - Northern Cass School

## Mid Year Team Manager's Summit

January 30 - Northern Cass

## Affiliate Tournament

April 2 - Northern Cass School

## Team Registration, Appraiser/ Volunteers Due

January 31

---

## DI North Dakota Leadership

Affiliate Director  
**Max Kringen**

701.212.5372  
mkringen@creatend.org

Affiliate Training Director  
**Malinda Lindstrom**

701.347.5417  
Malinda.Lindstrom@gmail.com

Affiliate Growth Director  
**Mel Fraase**

701.799.0819  
mfraase@creatend.org

CreateND Board Chair  
**Mary Howatt**

mary.howatt@northerncassschool.com

CreateND Treasurer  
**Linda Sell**

CreateND Secretary  
**Erica Johnsrud**

CreateND Board Member  
**Marti Sunderlin**

CreateND Board Member  
**Eric Hall**

Destination Imagination North Dakota's Board of Directors is made up of a diverse group of professionals who volunteer to make a difference in the young people of North Dakota.

## Our Mission and Vision

*To lead and facilitate the students of North Dakota in learning the creative process from imagination to innovation.*

VOLUNTEER TODAY AT **CREATEND.ORG**

# Start A Team

Choose from these packages depending on the number of teams you plan to start as well as their age levels.

## 1 Purchase Team Numbers in one place!

**NATIONAL AND STATE AT**

<http://shopdi.org>

### One Team \$190

**\$95 NATIONAL PROGRAM / \$95 STATE PROGRAM**

2-7 members / 3rd Grade through University

About \$27 per student with a team of seven.

### Additional Teams \$165

**\$80 NATIONAL PROGRAM / \$85 STATE PROGRAM**

2-7 members / 3rd Grade through University

Once a team number is purchased, the purchaser may buy additional team numbers at this discount price.

About \$23 per student with a team of seven.

### Rising Stars \$120

**\$60 NATIONAL PROGRAM / \$60 STATE PROGRAM**

Non-competitive, pre-school through second grade

2+ team members

About \$12 per student with a team of ten

## 2 Attend local trainings, events and the Affiliate Tournament

**DATES AND DEADLINES ON PAGE 4**

<http://www.creatend.org/2015-2016-season/>

HOW TO START A TEAM IN NORTH DAKOTA



REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY AT **SHOPDI.ORG**





**DESTINATION  
IMAGINATION®**

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**



## **OUR GLOBAL NETWORK OF SUPPORTERS IS THE BACKBONE OF DI**

Destination Imagination (DI) receives support from more than 38,000 volunteers throughout 30 countries. Their passion for the DI Challenge Program strengthens and grows our community and allows an increasing number of students to participate each year. DI is seeking new volunteers to help equip students with the skills needed to fuel the economies of tomorrow. We are seeking support from individuals with interests in web design, marketing, fundraising, recruiting, training, social media, event coordination and more.

## **HERE ARE SOME OF THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT STUDENTS IN YOUR AREA**



### **TEAM MANAGER**

Serve as a coordinator and mentor for two to four months as a team develops a unique solution to one of 7 open-ended Challenges. Observe as they reach past their limits and experience the creative process.



### **OFFICIAL**

Support teams and Appraisers throughout the tournament to make it the best experience possible for exhibiting creativity.



### **APPRAISER**

Spend a day immersed in the celebration of teams as you provide feedback and encouragement for their creativity and innovative Challenge solutions.

*“Volunteer for driving, supply snacks, and help with programs and fundraising, but then sit back and watch what your child can do. Once your child understands what DI is about, he or she will never say ‘I can’t’ or ‘it will never work’ ever again. Your children will accomplish whatever they want because they will have learned how to turn failures into success, turn common into extraordinary, and turn the impossible into incredible.”*

*– Dean Fenenga, South Dakota*

*“DI is the ride of a lifetime. It’s building social skills while building engineering miracles. It’s working on teamwork while working on math skills. It’s discovering your voice while discovering ancient civilizations. DI makes your mind strong from learning, your heart big from caring, and your knees weak from laughing.”*

*– Becky Garrett, Washington*

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH DAKOTA AT [CREATEND.ORG](http://CREATEND.ORG)**



# A SPECIAL Thank You

**Sanford Health**  
**Theater Tales**  
**First State Bank of North Dakota**  
**Livewire Entertainment**  
**Promotional Solutions**  
**Bremer Bank, Casselton**  
**Lindstrom Enterprises**  
**Northern Cass School**

Without the generosity and support of our community, we would never be able to provide the students of North Dakota with the opportunity to develop 21st Century Skills. We say thank you and encourage you to do the same next time you visit these businesses.

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS**

## INFORMATION NIGHTS

Want someone to help you explain why DI is A GREAT educational activity and why it provides a WONDERFUL opportunity for parents to influence the education of their children? We have presentations and materials for your info night and we're willing to travel!

Contact us at [questions@creatend.org](mailto:questions@creatend.org) to set up an Information Night for your school or community group. We want to help you get started!

### Plan ahead!

#### APPRAISERS:

Each team attending the affiliate tournament must supply one appraiser. Training will be provided. Appraisers are not guaranteed to see performances outside of their challenge area. Suggestions for this position are friends from work, former DI team managers or team members (older than 18), neighbors, teachers, youth pastors etc.

#### VOLUNTEERS:

Each team attending the tournament is required to provide two part time volunteers. Typical part time volunteer tasks include door monitor, sales, registration, etc., for approximately 2 hours the day of the tournament. As a part time volunteer, your volunteers will be able to watch their team's Central Challenge.



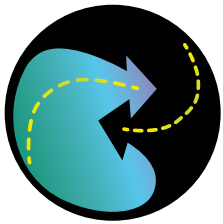
### Contact

Create North Dakota  
701.212.5372  
[questions@creatend.org](mailto:questions@creatend.org)

[www.CreateND.org](http://www.CreateND.org)

2015-  
2016

# CHALLENGE OVERVIEWS



## PACE OF CHANGE

### TECHNICAL

The world is full of changes, both big and small. So grab the wheel – let's see them all!

- Design and build a vehicle able to carry at least one team member across the presentation site multiple times.
- Change the vehicle propulsion system and the vehicle movement method during the presentation.
- Create and present a story about change. The story will include a change in a character.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## IN PLAIN SIGHT

### SCIENTIFIC

Now you see me, now you don't! But wait...what's the twist??

- Research the many ways that camouflage is used by organisms in nature.
- Showcase camouflage research in the visible appearance of an organism.
- Create and present a story with a plot twist that is caused by the use of camouflage.
- Apply camouflage methods to an original, team-designed and created set piece or prop.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## MUSICAL MASHUP

### STRUCTURAL

Hold it together and let it play out in this musical mashup.

- Design and build a structure that both supports weight and is a musical instrument.
- Play a musical solo using the structure as a musical instrument.
- Tell a story with at least one musical character.
- Integrate the story with the weight placement testing of the structure.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## GET A CLUE

### FINE ARTS

Whodunnit? Reach back in time to get a clue!

- Present a mystery story set on Earth in a team-chosen time period before 1990.
- Discover, live on stage, which of the three suspect characters is responsible for the mystery.
- Include a TechniClue that helps solve the mystery.
- Present in the style of traverse staging.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

2015-  
2016

# CHALLENGE OVERVIEWS



## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

### IMPROVISATIONAL

Newsflash! Stranger things WILL happen!

- Research Challenge-provided confined spaces.
- Create and perform a four-minute improvisational presentation within a confined space.
- Show how characters work together to address a news flash.
- Integrate a mysterious stranger and a team-created miscellaneous prop into the presentation.



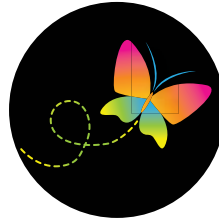
## THE MEME EVENT

### SERVICE LEARNING

#### PROJECT OUTREACH

Grumpy cat will be even grumpier when you out-MEME him!

- Use the creative process to identify, design, plan, and carry out a project that addresses a real community need.
- Plan and carry out at least one community event that is designed to help meet the project goal(s).
- Create an effective meme to help meet the project goal(s).
- Create a live presentation that highlights the project and the impact it made on the community.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength and talents.



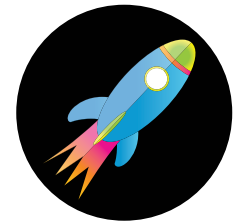
## CHANGE IN DIRECTION

### EARLY LEARNING

#### RISING STARS!

North, south, east, or west. Hmm...which way is best?

- Learn about maps and how they are helpful to people.
- Create a play that is about a journey your team is on.
- Make a change in direction at some point during your play.
- Make a map to help your team on your journey.



## INSTANT CHALLENGE

Instant Challenges require teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking. At a tournament, a team will receive an Instant Challenge and the materials with which to solve it. The team members must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a period of just five to eight minutes.

Instant Challenges are performance-based, task-based, or a combination of the two. Although each Instant Challenge has different requirements, all Instant Challenges reward teams for their teamwork and the creativity of their solutions. Instant Challenges are kept confidential until the day of the Tournament.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO START A TEAM IN NORTH DAKOTA AT [CREATEND.ORG](http://CREATEND.ORG)





# 7 Reasons for Why DI?

## with Justin Schreiner

Staff Sergeant US Army  
from Northern Cass Destination Imagination

I am currently a SSgt in the Army, stationed in Fort Riley, KS. I have been enlisted for 6 years. I have done two tours overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. My training has taken me all over the United States. I work on AH-64 Apache Helicopters. My hometown is Hunter, ND.

### How did you get started with DI?

I moved to a new school and started on a DI team in 5th grade because my new best friend asked me to join him.

### Best memory of DI?

My best memory is going to [Global Finals] in TN two times. Pin trading was awesome; I still have the pins I collected years ago. I remember sitting in the audience after my challenge watching how other teams chose to solve it. I really enjoyed walking in the parade at opening ceremony.

### How did Destination Imagination prepare you for what you are doing today?

As a SSgt, I am the leader of a large team. I use the skills I gained by problem solving complex problems and thinking outside the box. Using my team building skills from DI I am able to gather other people's ideas and utilize them. Being at Nationals helped prepare me to be culturally aware.

### What is the most important thing that you learned in Destination Imagination?

There are always going to be challenges in life, it is how you think and work to overcome them that matter.

### What does Destination Imagination mean to you?

Creativity and Unlimited Possibilities

### How did you gain problem solving skills with Destination Imagination?

Instant Challenge is what I really loved to do. While I was at basic training my team was given the challenge of getting our squad across an obstacle using very limited equipment and not touching the ground. Many people were confused and had no idea as to how this could be possible. I just thought of it as a giant Instant Challenge that we could solve together. Mine was the only squad that was successful in completing the mission.

**Thanks to my involvement in DI, I have the skills necessary in my career to be a quick problem solver and a team leader which has helped me further my career at a higher pace.**

