

## How does this happen?

By volunteering to be trained and to appraise at a Destination ImagiNation® (DI) Tournament!

### **DESTINATION IMAGINATION®**

- **Fosters Creative Problem Solving**
- **Teaches Teamwork**
- **Rewards Divergent Thinking**
- **Employs Time Management**
- **Promotes Risk Taking**
- **Encourages Experimentation**

Join hundreds of other adults who volunteer their time to provide a creative problem solving program for students.

*Let us become the change we seek in the world.*

*Gandhi*

## **Qualities of a Destination ImagiNation® Appraiser:**

### **An Appraiser:**

- Has a good sense of humor
- Appreciates creativity and innovation in all its forms
- Enjoys working with children and young adults
- Is comfortable working as a part of a team
- Is committed to being fair and impartial
- Has a positive and friendly attitude

### **Time Commitment:**

- Attend one training day
- Appraise at Competition day(s) (usually Saturdays) for the Regional and/or Affiliate tournaments
- Take time to understand the rules of the program and assigned Challenge

*Creative thinking may simply mean the realization that there's no particular virtue in doing things the way they have always been done.*

*Roger Von Oech*

**Destination ImagiNation®** is an innovative creative problem solving-program for all learners, Kindergarten through College. Teams of 5 to 7 students are challenged to solve one of six unique Challenges with no adult assistance. Each of the six Challenges offers students an opportunity to explore engineering, architecture, drama and improvisation.

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### **Metro Appraiser Training**

Saturday, February 4, 2012

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at Intermediate District 287

1820 N. Xenium Ln Plymouth 55441

### **Metro Regional Tournaments:**

**West & Southwest Metro – 2/25/2012  
Maple Grove SHS**

**East Metro – 3/3/2012 Harding SHS  
North Metro – 3/24/2012 Blaine HS**

**State Tournament – April 14, 2012  
Jackson MS/Champlin Park HS**

See You There!!

## 2011-2012 CHALLENGES:

### CHALLENGE A: Assembly Required

- Design and build equipment that retrieves parts and delivers products
- Assemble products from team-provided parts to fill orders and use the products in your teams presentation
- Earn extra points by deciding how best to fill orders with no parts or products left over in the assembly area
- Present a team-created story about something that happens just in time

### CHALLENGE B: The Solar Stage

- Create and present a theatrical performance that tells a story about the use of solar energy
- Integrate research about past and/or current uses of solar energy
- Design and create a solar energy prototype that demonstrates a new way to collect, capture and use solar energy

### CHALLENGE C: Coming Attractions

- Present a movie trailer involving characters from at least two nations
- Design a Cinematic Special Effect and feature it in the movie trailer
- Create an original soundtrack that complements the movie trailer

### CHALLENGE D: News to Me

- Learn about different types of news stories
- Learn about cause-and-effect relationships
- Use cooperative Human Scenery and Props to enhance your skit
- Create a 5-minute improvisational skit about the cause-and-effect relationship between two unrelated news stories
- Have all your plans suddenly become totally discombobulated by a One-Minute-Glitch (OMG)!

### CHALLENGE E: Hold it!

- Design, build and test a structure made entirely out of wood and glue to hold weight and contain tournament-provided golf balls

- Design and build a delivery device that will deposit the golf balls, one at a time, into the structure
- Create and present an original story about a “Captivator”
- Integrate the weight placement and golf ball delivery into the story

### Rising Stars!® Built to Last (non-competitive)

- Learn about toys and how they have changed over time
- Create a play about making the last toy that will ever be made
- Explore how your team works together to make decisions about your team-created toy

### projectOUTREACH® The World Canvas

- Use creative problem solving tools to identify and select at least one real community need
- Design and carry out a project to address the need
- Create and advertisement and use it in your project
- Create a marketing brochure to describe your project
- Share your project at the tournament with an entertaining live presentation

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The most important course in education.

## Imagine...

- Spending the day with the most creative kids in the world
- Working with other interesting adults
- Seeing exciting solutions to fascinating Challenges

*I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I am frightened of the old ones.*

*John Cage*