

Northwest Independent School District
Destination Imagination® (DI)
Creative Problem Solving Teams
2009-2010 Registration

Destination Imagination is one of the world's largest creative problem solving competition. Teams work together over a period of several months to "solve" a technical, structural and/or theatrical central challenge and develop skills in solving improvisational instant challenges. These challenges stimulate the team's ability to think quickly and creatively with only minutes to prepare solutions. In late February, teams compete against other school teams in a regional tournament, performing their solutions to their Central Challenge and solving, on the spot, an Instant Challenge.

In consideration of permission granted by the Northwest Independent School District (the "NISD") for me and my child to participate in the identified events and activities associated with Destination Imagination ("DI"), specifically to include only the following: participation in and/or attendance at the DI meetings.

Our child, _____, grade _____, has our permission to participate in the 2009-2010 Destination Imagination® (DI) program sponsored by Northwest Independent School District. We give permission for our child to attend team meetings at the school and also at the home of the team manager(s) or other team members.

We hereby waive any claim that our child or we may make against DI, the team manger(s), or the NISD, its trustees, officers, employees and agents. In an emergency, we also hereby give permission to the team manager(s) to authorize medical treatment for our child.

It is understood that neither Northwest Independent School District, nor any of its trustees, officers, employees, or organization sponsors are liable for any accident or injuries that may occur to the above-named student as a result of any aspect of his or her participation in DI activities.

We agree to indemnify and hold the Northwest Independent School District harmless from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, judgments, expenses (including attorneys' fees and cost of defense), and executions against the Northwest Independent School District, its trustees, officers, employees and agents from any claims made by third parties which result from the above-named student being permitted to participate in these activities, we expressly waive all claims to which we may otherwise be entitled, including but not limited to, claims for medical expenses and wages.

We recognize that the Northwest Independent School District, its trustees, agents and employees have sovereign or governmental immunity under Texas law. We understand that the Northwest Independent School District, its trustees, agents and employees are not waiving any sovereign or governmental immunity that it or they have under Texas or other applicable law.

We, the undersigned, have read this Permission Form and understand all of its terms. We have executed it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Parent's Printed Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ male/female

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent's Signature _____

Has your child had previous experience on a Destination Imagination team? _____

If so, list the years and manager's name _____

The Role of the DI Team Manager

The Team Manager is expected to perform the following responsibilities:

- Arrange meeting sites and practice opportunities for the team
- Attend all tournaments and other DI activities in which the team participates
- Communicate regularly with the campus liaison
- Provide the campus liaison and team parents with a schedule of team meetings
- Communicate the rules regarding interference to all team parents
- Attend at least one team managers' training annually
- Manager will communicate directly with parents regarding discipline problems regarding team members
- Complete all forms required for tournament participation
- Submit to a criminal background check per district policy regarding volunteers

PARENT VOLUNTEERS MAKE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE. A team manager or several co-managers will be assigned for each team. The team manager supervises the group, but is NOT allowed to help solve the challenges for the students. A team manager helps with scheduling, team building activities, and obtaining/transporting materials that the team wants to use in their solution to the problem.

Team managers may choose practice times that are convenient to their own work schedule - after school, evenings or weekends. (*Approximately one practice per week, with increased frequency in February prior to competition.*) Your own child will be placed on your team.

****Teams will be formed based on the number of parent volunteers. Filling out this form does not guarantee your child a spot on a team.**

_____ Yes, I would like more information about managing a team.

_____ Yes. I am available to co-manage a team, but don't want to do it alone!

- We will have a training session for managers.
- **Forms are due by Wed., Oct. 14th!**

Please contact Valerie Wittsche vwittsche@nisdtx.org for more information.

For Administration Only: Date form received: _____
