

Destination ImagiNation Fact Sheet

What is Destination ImagiNation?

- DI is a community-based, non-profit, volunteer-driven educational organization which teaches young people from Kindergarten through University-level the important skills needed for success in the 21st Century.
- DI works with over 250,000 children and young adults in all 50 states and over 40 countries each year.
- DI teaches the *processes* of Creative Problem Solving and teamwork.

How does Destination ImagiNation Work?

- Teams of up to 7 members of the same age group work together over a period of 8-12 weeks to develop a solution to one of six competitive DI *Team Challenges*, each with a different education focus:
 - Technical and Mechanical Engineering
 - Science and Presentation
 - Theater, Literature, and Fine Arts
 - Improvisation and Research
 - Structural and Architectural Design
 - Community Service
- Local, regional and state Tournaments are held each spring culminating in the annual Global Finals Competition which brings together about 20,000 participants and volunteers at the University of Tennessee each May.
- During the course of the Tournament year, over 35,000 adult volunteers support DI serving as Team Managers, Appraisers, trainers, Tournament Directors, and Affiliate and Regional Directors.

What are the Goals of DI?

- Foster creative and critical thinking
- Learn and apply Creative Problem Solving methods and tools
- Develop teamwork, collaboration and leadership skills
- Develop mutual self-respect
- Promote the recognition, use and development of strengths and talents
- Encourage competence in, enthusiasm for and commitment to real-life problem solving
- Nurture research and inquiry skills involving both exploration and attention to detail

