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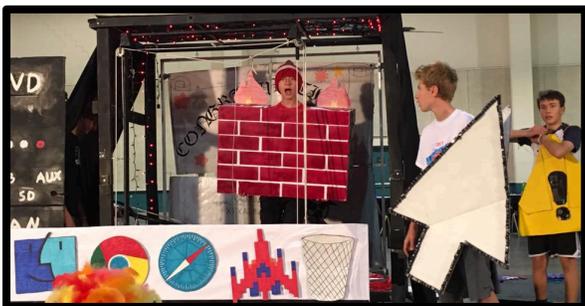
IF YOUR CHILD IS CREATIVE...

is crazy about puzzles, loves to paint and draw, can build anything out of cardboard boxes, writes amazing stories, thinks up whimsical new worlds, has a flair for drama and acting, 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.



WHAT IS DESTINATION IMAGINATION?

Destination Imagination (DI) is an international, educational program that gives kids an amazing outlet for their creativity, while teaching them leadership, teamwork, positive thinking, project management and so much more. Teams of 2 to 7 kids from 3rd grade through university level solve one of six open-ended Challenges (Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Service Learning, Improvisation, or Technical) in their own unique ways, and present their solutions at Regional Tournaments in late February or early March. Teams also solve an on-the-spot Instant Challenge at the tournaments, where they must think quickly on their feet and work together to solve a problem in around five minutes. There's even a noncompetitive Rising Stars category with a special Challenge for K-2nd grade. Winners advance to the Affiliate (state/country) Tournament, and winners at the Affiliate Tournament move on to Global Finals to compete against more than 1,400 teams from around the world.



WHY SHOULD MY CHILD BE INVOLVED IN DESTINATION IMAGINATION?

Teams involved in DI learn higher order thinking and learn to excel in creative and critical thinking, collaborative problem solving, and project management. Students who have participated in Destination Imagination say they believe participation helped them improve their grades and do better in school, improved their self-confidence, helped them become better communicators, enhanced their respect for others, and improved their creativity and problem solving skills.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST AND WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

The cost of starting a team is low—only \$150 for one team. Some schools and PTOs may cover this cost. Teams meet at their own convenience with an adult volunteer (parent/faculty) Team Manager, making it easy to work around other activities. (Team Managers are given a Roadmap resource to guide them as they lead the team and have great support from other Team Managers and local DI officials as well as several training opportunities.) Teams usually meet through the fall and winter months for about an hour each week, with time commitment increasing for extra practice and preparation time as they draw closer to tournament, much like other competitive teams.