



**DESTINATION IMAGINATION EARLY LEARNING**

**WEATHER**

**TOGETHER**

Team Manager Training  
2024-2025

# AGENDA

7:00–7:05: Introductions

7:05–7:15: Getting Started/Resources

7:15–7:30: About the Team Challenge

7:30–7:40: About the Instant Challenge

7:40–7:50: Tournament Day!

7:50 –8:00: Q&A, Wrapup



# INTRODUCTIONS



# DI IS FUN!

- #1 Takeaway for you
- Don't sweat it: Early Learning challenge is truly "About the process, not the product."
- The goal is to give your team a feel for what Destination Imagination is all about.



# TEAM MANAGER RESOURCES

## DI Colorado Website

This is a good starting place. Information about training events, tournament information, who to contact. [www.dicolorado.com](http://www.dicolorado.com)

## DI Resources Area

You should have received an email from [volunteer@dihq.com](mailto:volunteer@dihq.com) with instructions to get started. Challenge materials, team & tournament information.



## DI HQ Website

Good general information here. The blog is kept up-to-date and has great info. <https://www.destinationimagination.org/>

## DI Training Portal

You should have received an email from DI HQ to set this up. Lots of great interactive training.

## Discord

This is the “chat” for all things DI in Colorado. Get helpful suggestions from fellow DI-ers. You should have received an invitation from [Kate@DIColorado](mailto:Kate@DIColorado) to access this.

# WHAT IS THE TEAM CHALLENGE?

01

The main presentation you will perform at your tournament. Most of your preparation will focus on this.

02

Time limit of 8 minutes, starting from the “launch area.” Integrates elements outlined in the challenge document. Aim to have a beginning, middle, and end to your story.

03

Can include two “Team Choice Elements.” These are “extras” in your presentation that can showcase special interests or talents of your team. They can’t duplicate something required by the challenge.

04

This should be done as much as possible by your team members, to prepare them for the “No Interference” policy.



# WHAT IS THE INSTANT CHALLENGE?

A short (usually 5 minutes or less), “surprise” challenge that teaches think-on-your-feet cooperation and problem-solving. It’s performed on Tournament Day for the appraisers.

## Performance-based

Team members will get a prompt for performing a skit. They will be given a few minutes to plan before they present to the appraisers.

## Task-based

Team members will have to design and build something (a tower, for example) with the supplies provided.

## Combination

As the name implies, the challenge will have both building and performance components.



# TOURNAMENT DAY!

## TOURNAMENT FLOW

- Team Check-in - 30 minutes before performance time
- Team Challenge Performance
- Appraiser Q&A time
- Instant Challenge
- Awards Ceremony
- Getting appraiser feedback



## STARRY SHOWCASE FORM

Explains your Team Challenge to the appraisers so they know what to expect in your performance. Gets filled out and submitted online before the tournament. Your Regional Director will be in touch with you about this closer to tournament day.

## ENJOY THE DAY!

- Give your team plenty of time to get settled in and prepared.
- Plan time to watch other challenges & teams.
- Keep Calm & Carry On!





# ○ THANK YOU!

We couldn't do this without your dedication. Thank you for giving our DI "Rising Stars" a great experience!

## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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