

# CPNMI NEWSLETTER

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## CPNMI NEWS

By Leslie Hermann

Hello New Mexico, another tournament is about to take place. The competition date is set, the appraiser training are scheduled (see website for details) and the teams have been gathered. We are heading into still another uncharted area--Our first year as a self-administered affiliate of DI. No serious problems, so far. Everyone who has questions seems to be able to get answers to their satisfaction, thanks to our Regional Directors statewide. Please check the website if you have any questions as to who these people are for your area and how to contact them. They have a world of experience to offer in the form of advice and answers to questions.

### Membership Registration

Membership dues for the 2001/2002 season are as follows:  
 Single Team: \$190.00  
 5-Pak(2-5 teams): \$265.00  
 Additional Memberships:  
 Single Team: \$100.00  
 5-pak: \$175.00  
 You can register directly with CPNMI. Send the registration form, located on our website with a check or PO to

CPNMI, PO Box 36881,  
 Albuquerque, NM 87176-6881

### Registration Deadline

Registration is due no later than 1 February 2002. Registrations received after 1 February will be charged an additional \$10.00 fee. You may use the registration form on the website, or you may contact me at (505)836-0573 or [pbcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:pbcheck@hotmail.com)

### [www.imaginm.org](http://www.imaginm.org)

You may have noticed our website address has changed. Please be sure to spread the word. Check the website frequently for important dates, and information regarding the tournament.

On the website there is a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) link. You will also find the contact numbers for the State Challenge Masters (formerly called the State Problem Captains). There will also be a link to the winning T-shirt/Pin designs for viewing.

We are taking **pre-orders for all National DI merchandise**, see web site for order form and prices.

## **Training Schedule**

### **Team Member and Team Manager Training**

Completed for this competition year.

Contact your Regional Director for individual needs.

### **Appraisers Training**

State Judges training is scheduled for 23 Feb 02 beginning at 9:00am at Sandia High School, in Albuquerque. Sandia is the site of our ImagiNM State Tournament and is located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Candelaria. We will start in the Media Center. Lunch will be provided.

### **T-shirt Design**

We received three entries for the T-shirt design contest. After choosing the winning design we gave it to our supplier whom worked his usual magic and created a really GREAT design. It will be on the website for viewing shortly.

## **IMAGINM State Tournament**

NM State Competition is scheduled for 16 March 2002 at Sandia High School. The school is located on the Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and

Candelaria. It is within one mile of the Winrock and Coronado Malls. A map of the school will be posted on the [imaginm.org](http://imaginm.org) website with acceptable parking areas marked. The performance schedule will also be posted on the site.

There will be a \$15.00/team tournament fee for each team competing due upon sign-in on the day of competition at the registration desk.

### **Local Hotels**

Our great volunteer fundraiser Claudia Allen is working with several hotels in the area to get a reduced rate for our out-of-town teams. Please watch the website or better yet e-mail Claudia for details on specific hotels and room rates. [allen\\_cl@aps.edu](mailto:allen_cl@aps.edu)

### **Fundraising**

Another great initiative Claudia has started is selling Ad Space in our State Tournament Program. See attached order form if you decide to participate by selling advertisements or by advertising your business in the program. Prices are: 1/8<sup>th</sup> pg. is \$15.00, 1/4 pg. is \$25.00, 1/2 pg. is \$50.00, and a full page is \$75.00. Please attach your copy-ready-ad to the Program Ad Order and send along with payment to CPNMI- Program Ad order, at the address on

page one of this newsletter. Deadline to place an ad is 15 February, 2002.

## **Clarifications**

**Important!** Be sure to check the DI website [www.destinationimaginati.on.org](http://www.destinationimaginati.on.org) for challenge clarifications. Often, knowing and using the updates on clarifications makes the difference for winning teams. **The deadline to request clarifications is 15 Feb 02.** If you are having trouble downloading information from the website please contact your Regional Director.

## **Now Accepting ImagiNM Tournament Reservations**

Please use the attached form to register your team for the state competition. **Use one form per team.** At the bottom of the form is a space provided for you to make requests regarding your team performance schedule. We will try our best to accommodate everyone's wishes, however that is not always possible. Return the forms to me prior to 1 March 2002. You can fax the forms to (505) 344-6562 Attention Claudia Allen, or mail them to CPNMI (address at bottom of form), or e-mail the information (equivalent format) to me at

pbcheck@hotmail.com  
Please be sure to complete  
all the spaces on the form.

## **Destination 2002 (D2K.2)**

Global Finals competition, D2K.2, will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN on 22 - 25 May 2002.

As usual, the first place winners at state competition in each challenge/division are eligible to continue to Global Finals D2K.2 competition. The number of teams and memberships worldwide is comparable to those of prior years about 800.

## **VOMBO Scholarship Opportunities**

VOMBO, a booster club for Creative Problem Solving, is offering scholarships to eligible High School Seniors and college students. The scholarships will be in the form of cash awards. This year the pool of money available for scholarships is greater than in previous years. The standard award will be \$500. Two of New Mexico's own Regional Directors are on the Scholarship Board. More details can be found on the VOMBO webpage at [www.vombo.org](http://www.vombo.org).

Application deadline is 12 April 2002.

## **CPNMI Executive Board Openings**

We still have board openings:

Web Master: Contact Central Regional Director James Gruetzner for details. (505) 237-2966 or [jkgruet@unm.edu](mailto:jkgruet@unm.edu)

Affiliate Director/Co-Director: Contact Leslie Hermann for details. (505)836-0573 or [pbcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:pbcheck@hotmail.com)

Tournament Director: Contact Leslie Hermann

It is extremely important that someone step up to fill these positions. The board has been organizing the ImagiNM State

Tournament for 3 years straight. Even though we enjoy the program and the resulting tournament fun, we need your help. Next year we anticipate at least 3 board openings.

Currently there are no possible candidates for these positions. If this remains the case, at the end of this season after Global Finals, creative problem solving in New Mexico may cease to exist. Please contact any of the board members listed on the web site to discuss how you can help.

## **Coaches' Corner**

By Dorothy Martin

Its not called "teamwork" for nothing. There is definitely work involved in getting a team of children to work together. Here are some suggestions on bringing out the sense of team in instant challenges:  
-Design some challenges that cannot be completed by less than four people, such as requiring them to toss objects across a large area where each person must remain in a specific location.

-After finishing a challenge, encourage the team to think of different ways they could have accomplished it so that they explore all the possibilities.  
-Encourage children to step outside their "safety zone." For children who are naturally extroverted and talkative, choose challenges that require them to use non-verbal, subtle gestures only. This way, they will develop other skills while also seeing that another person on the team already has those skills.

As members of the team work together, they will begin to understand one another and respect each individual's abilities, creating a true "team" in the process. When they reach that point, no challenge is beyond their reach

# NEW MEXICO STATE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

All teams complete this form and return by 1 March 02

TEAMS ATTENDING NEW MEXICO SPONSORED DESTINATION IMAGINATION STATE  
COMPETITION ON 16 MARCH 2002 AT SANDIA HIGH SCHOOL.

Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Contact

Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:

Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition level:

**PRIMARY      ELEMENTARY      MIDDLE      SECONDARY      (Circle one)**

Challenge

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager(s)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Team Member's Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduling Requests: (We will try to do our best!)

Please fax this form to (505)344-6562 Attn.: Claudia Allen, or e-mail in similar format to [pbcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:pbcheck@hotmail.com), or send this form to CPNMI, PO Box 36881, Albuquerque, NM 87176-6881, by 1 Mar 02. This is important information! We need to know how many teams we have in each division in each problem so we can train enough judges and plan the competition schedule. Thanks!

**New Mexico ImagiNM  
Tournament Program  
Ad Order**

**Date Tournament March 16, 2002  
Order Deadline 15 February, 2002**

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ad Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Ad Price: \_\_\_\_\_  
Salesperson: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach ad and payment to the top portion of this form and return to Team Manager)

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(Complete and return this portion to the Company/Organization buying Ad)

**Creative Programs of New Mexico, Inc.  
Sponsoring Destination ImagiNation**

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Thank you for your contribution to CPNMI, Destination ImagiNation. You are helping students learn the real life skills of creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork.

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