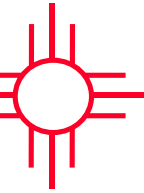


Creative Programs of

New Mexico, Inc.



Welcome Back!

After a (hopefully) relaxing summer, it's time to get back into Destination Imagination! The challenges this year are some of the best yet, and with the new Rising Stars! and DI Later programs, this is shaping up to be a very good year for DI!

Call for Volunteers

We need your help! The following roles are currently vacant: Appraiser Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, and Santa Fe Regional Director. Please contact Leslie Hermann (lhermann5@comcast.net) or Steve Shearer if you can help!

Registration

We are now using the national DI registration process for our own tournament registration. The national Passport and state membership are combined. Visit www.dionline.org to register.

The fees for registration are:

Single team:	\$190
Five pack:	\$265

Teams may pay with credit card, check or purchase order. Organizations who add teams may upgrade from single team registration to five-pack by paying the \$75 difference.

On tournament day, each team must pay an additional \$15 entrance fee. We will accept check, cash or purchase order.

New this year

Rising Stars!

Looking for a creative problem-solving program designed just for your young students aged less than 7 years old? The new Rising Stars! Program consists of age appropriate activities that offer young children the opportunity to discover the fascinating world of creativity, teamwork and problem solving. The Rising Stars! Program includes teamwork activities, creative thinking tools applications, Start-ups (Instant Challenges just for young team members), curriculum lessons, and the Rising Stars! Team Challenge: The Surprise Trip. Note that all Rising Stars! performances are demonstrations – they are not scored. Please note that the purchase of a national Rising Star package alone (that is, without a one-pak or a five-pack) will require that the

state membership fee of \$90 be paid separately: it is **not** automatically included.

DI Later

Adults, are you tired of biting your tongue while you watch your team do everything the wrong way? Would you like to show those whippersnappers how it's *really* done? DI Later could be the program for you! DI Later is Destination Imagination for creative people who are a little too “experienced” to compete in one of the other DI levels. This year, New Mexico is not participating in the DI Later program – but if there's interest, we may do so in the future.

Primary Level

Primary Level is a **non-competitive** level at the state tournament. It is generally for kids K-2, although younger and slightly older kids may participate in special situations. This year, Primary Level teams may use the Rising Stars team challenge, or they may use any of the regular challenges. Team Managers of a Primary Level team that uses a regular Challenge may simplify the Challenge to better fit the needs and requirements of their Primary Level team. (For example, the team may have only one Side Trip, or a scoring element may be deleted.) Other options are also available to best serve the kids on the team. If there are any questions, please contact Grace La Torra (grace@nmsu.edu) or James K. Gruetzner (jgruetzner3@comcast.net).

Design Contest

It's a new year so we need a new logo! Anyone can enter a design. Please submit your design by Dec 1. The winner gets \$50 and a free t-shirt and pin. Send entries to:

CPNMI,
P.O. Box 36881,
Albuquerque, NM 87176-6881

Who We Are

Creative Programs of New Mexico, Inc. sponsors the premier creative problem-solving program for students from kindergarten through college in New Mexico. Working in teams, students learn to think “out of the box,” by creating and demonstrating unique solutions to interesting and motivating problems. This year we are affiliated with Destination ImagiNation. Destination ImagiNation was formed by dedicated volunteers to continue to provide a quality creative problem-solving program at an international level. CPNMI is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

ImagiNM

2003-2004 Challenge Previews

Challenge A: DestiNations In Time

Focus: Technical Design and Construction including the construction of Timing Devices; International Studies; Fine Arts; Theater Arts; Teamwork

The alarm clock buzzes, the school bells ring, your wristwatch beeps. Hurry up, slow down, come on, we're late! What if you could control time? Your Challenge is to build your own Timing Device, perform some tasks on schedule, and tell an International Story that shows what could happen if you could be in charge of Time. It's about TIME for some fun!

Challenge B: The Plot and the Pendulum

Focus: Theatre Arts, Playwriting, Set Design, Technical Design, Teamwork

Imagine that you've come to a fork in the road. Which way should you go? You choose a direction, confident in your path. What about the road you did not choose? Your Challenge is to create a Theatrical Presentation that features two original Stories – they begin the same way, but they split along the way and have two different endings. You'll be aided by your team-invented Plot Diverter, a Pendulum that signals the Pivotal Events that set your Stories in motion. Swing into action and tell the tales!

Challenge C: Cartoon DIMensions

Focus: Visual Arts, Theater Arts, Playwriting, Characterization, Teamwork

What do Sponge Bob™ and the Powerpuff Girls™ have in common with ancient cave drawings? They are pictures that come to life to tell a story! Two-dimensional Characters play a big part in entertaining us, but what if they suddenly came to life? Your Challenge is to create an original Cartoon Story, complete with Costumes and Characters! Your amazing, three-dimensional cartoon adventure comes to life with team-generated Sound and Visual Special Effects. Are you drawn to the Challenge? Come on!

Challenge D: UpBeat Improv

Focus: Improvisational Acting; Music Research and Composition; Design and Construction of Musical Instrument; Theater Arts; Teamwork
Music! From Opera to Rock from Celtic to Klezmer, what performance isn't jazzed up by a great soundtrack? Add some variations – some characteristics, some Improv Games, and a team-created Instrument – and presto, you have harmonious show! But take note! Improv teams have just 30 minutes to fine-tune their gig!

Challenge E: GuessDImate!

Focus: Structural Design and Construction; Mathematical concepts including Reasoning, Estimation, Measuring, and Probability; Theater Arts; Teamwork

How many books can you stack before the pile tips over? How many beans will fit in a jar? How many people can fit in an elevator before the doors close? It's anybody's guess! If you love guessing games, you'll love this Challenge! Build a Structure of Wood and Glue and estimate how many pounds of weight it can hold. Win Bonus Pounds if your estimate is close! Gather the data you'll need by building and breaking many Structures until your guesses are on the mark. Using your best GuessDImate, tell the Appraisers how much weight your Structure will hold BEFORE you load it up!

Rising Stars! Team Challenge: The Surprise Trip

Focus: Storytelling, Rhyming, Following Multi-step Directions, Teamwork, Speaking In Front of an Audience

The exciting day has finally arrived. The adventure is ready to begin. It has all been planned when...OH NO! Your path has been Detoured. You need to go in a different direction. Where will this new path take you? Who will you meet? Where will you end up? Where will this unexpected Detour take you and your friends? Perform a Play to show your adventure.

*Remember you **cannot** solve the Challenges using only the descriptions above!*

To see the full Team Challenges and Rules of the Road, log onto www.dionline.org

ImaginIM

Mark Your Calendars

For the most up to date schedule information, see the CPNMI web site at www.imaginm.org

State Tournament

Saturday in March or April – TBD
Sandia High School
Sandia High School Albuquerque

Global Finals

May 26-30, 2004
University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN

Training

Appraiser Training

Saturday, October 18: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sandia HS (cafeteria)

Team Manager Training

Sunday, October 19: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sandia HS (library)
Rosemary Bognar from the National DI Organization will be here to train people to be Appraiser Trainers and Team Manager Trainers.
Contact Leslie Hermann (lhermann5@comcast.net)

Team Manager Training

Dates and locations TBD
Southern New Mexico
Contact Grace La Torra (grace@nmsu.edu).

Team Manager Training

Dates and locations TBD
Throughout New Mexico
Contact Leslie Hermann (lhermann5@comcast.net)

Structure Training

Saturday, November 8: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Christ Lutheran Church
7701 Candelaria Road NE Albuquerque 87110
(Corner of Candelaria and Pennsylvania)
\$15 with lunch or \$10 if you bring your own lunch
Your team has decided to do GuessDI mate! and you are wondering where to begin. Come to this training opportunity to learn the basics and find out how it isn't really scary at all. Learn structure basics: what a structure does, basic techniques, and how to think about structure design. Designed for novice team members or **team managers** of any level. Team Managers
Registration requested but not required. Contact James K. Gruetzner (505) 237-2966 or jgruetzner3@comcast.net.

Drama Workshop

Date TBD (See www.imaginm.org for updates)
Albuquerque HS, 800 Odelia Rd. NE (just off I-25)
\$10
Help Elementary and Middle Level teams learn how to enhance their presentation through acting and stage presence. Ralph Adkins and the AHS Thespians will share their knowledge and stagecraft secrets with DI team members.
Registration requested but not required. Contact James K. Gruetzner (505) 237-2966 or jgruetzner3@comcast.net.

Instant Challenge Training

For Team Managers and Team Members
Saturday, January 31: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Gov. Bent Elementary School
5700 Hendrix NE, Albuquerque 87110
Under \$5
Team Managers with teams (entire team need not attend) learn how to analyze and solve Instant Challenges. This is team training, in that the Team Manager will be learning how to find and present Instant Challenges to the team. Older teams may attend without the Team Manager if desired.

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