

# What is Destination Imagination?



You've heard of spelling bees, quiz bowls, robotics competitions and science fairs. In fact, there is probably a special event for every subject taught at school. Well, Destination Imagination is none of those things – and all of those things! Destination Imagination is a program where kids take what they know and what they are good at and learn to apply it to solve challenges, working together and cooperatively with a team and pushing the limits of imagination to best not their competition, but themselves.

Destination Imagination is a community-based, school-friendly program that builds participants' creativity, problem solving, and teamwork in enjoyable and meaningful ways.

Teams of five to seven members work together to apply creativity, critical thinking and their particular talents to solve a Team Challenge and Instant Challenges.

The Destination Imagination **Team Challenge** is solved over a period of twelve to sixteen weeks. There are six competitive Team Challenges from which teams may choose, each with its own educational focus. Each Team Challenge is designed to be open-ended and solvable in many ways and on many levels.



**Challenge A:** Technical

**Challenge B:** Scientific

**Challenge C:** Fine Arts

**Challenge D:** Improvisational

**Challenge E:** Structural

**Challenge project Outreach:** Service Learning

There is also one non-competitive Team Challenge, called **Rising Stars!**, for preschool and elementary students up to Grade 2.

There are two parts to the Team Challenge: the **Central Challenge** and **Team Choice Elements**. The Central Challenge is a set of required elements that all teams must complete. Team Choice Elements are two additional elements that teams create and include in their Presentation.

Throughout the DI season, teams will also encounter **Instant Challenges**, which are to be solved in just a few minutes -- and without knowing ahead of time what the Challenge will be. Teams are given the Instant Challenge and the materials with which to solve it, and use their thinking-on-their-feet skills and teamwork to produce a solution.

As a grand finale to the season, DI teams have the opportunity to participate in their Regional Tournament. The best teams can advance to the Affiliate Tournament, and maybe even go on to Global Finals!



***We teach the creative process  
from imagination to innovation.***