

APPRAISER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE GIVE THIS TO YOUR TEAM'S APPRAISER!

Hi, Appraisers!

Welcome Aboard & Congratulations!

You have been recruited by team or are volunteering to support Destination ImagiNation this year. In order to compete, each team is REQUIRED to provide an adult volunteer (over 18) to be an Appraiser*. Thank you for agreeing to support our program and/or a team!

Now, you can relax -- no prior experience is needed to be a DI Appraiser! However, you MUST commit to attend a Saturday training as well as one NH-DI Regional Tournament to be an APPRAISER!

Being an NH-DI Appraiser is a great way to learn more about the program AND a lot of FUN! Our NH-DI training day has been totally streamlined, but it will be very interactive, engaging, and did we mention FUN, too?

Here is what you have to do:

Choose a training date ~ either:

1. **Saturday, January 27, 2007** at Pennichuck Middle School in Nashua (snow date 2/17) OR
2. **Saturday, February 3, 2007** at Winnisquam Regional Middle School in Tilton (snow date 2/17)
3. **Saturday, February 10, 2007** at Triton Regional Middle School in Byfield, Massachusetts (limited enrollment)

Choose a tournament date -- 3/10 or 3/17

1. the Meet assigned to the team who asked you to appraise OR
2. the alternate Meet date (We will assign you to the location based on where you are NEEDED!)
3. if you are NOT a team's designated appraiser, you may chose your own Meet!

Important: Parent-Appraisers are strongly encouraged to appraise on the alternate meet date, so they can watch their child's performance. They will NOT see their child's presentation! No exceptions can be made!

How to do I sign-up to Appraise?

1. Read the attached Challenge synopses & review the job & date choices
2. Sign up online at <http://www.nh-dionline.org> (EASY) or fill out the attached form
 - o list your preferences
 - o chose your training date
 - o select a Regional Meet or Meet date
 - o return your form (if you decide to use paper!)

NH-DI will send you a confirmation with your Meet responsibility and your training assignment including details of the day & directions to the training site. Our confirmation will be send via email (or snail mail, if necessary).

If you have not been contacted by mid-January, please contact Jill at [868-2140](tel:868-2140) or by email at jill@nh-di.org

Your willingness to train and to officiate at a Tournament is very much appreciated. NH-DI is a volunteer organization; you allow us to provide this wonderful opportunity for students by becoming a well-trained and knowledgeable Appraiser. With your help, we can recognize the creative efforts of our participants. Our program teaches kids all about responsibility and teamwork. By committing to your team, you model this commitment for them! Thank you for your dedication!

--IMPORTANT STUFF--

NH-DI tries but cannot always honor every Appraiser's requests. Our first priority is to provide a full team of Appraisers for each Challenge. This means that you might need to train in a Challenge that is not your first, second or even third choice! **The kids come first!** And if all Appraising positions are filled when we receive your registration, NH-DI may need to use you as a volunteer to cover other meet duties. Thank you for your understanding and please register early!

REMEMBER: You can register on the Web at <http://www.nh-dionline.org> (preferred!) or fill out the Appraiser Registration Form and return it to your school rep (deadline:12/18) or send it to us by mail.

MORE INFO FOR APPRAISERS: Appraisal Team Roles & NH-DI

Tournament Positions

An Appraisal Team consists of several different Appraisers, each with a different role or job. Each role is described here, along with some characteristics that make this type of role a "good fit." It doesn't matter if you aren't sure what each role involves. We'll teach you everything you need to know at the training.

No ONE Appraiser determines a team's standings, so don't worry that you may 'doom' a team to failure if you make a mistake! Every aspect of a solution is evaluated by a minimum of two Appraisers.

We want you to have a great day at our tournament, and so you need to tell us what interests you most. However, our first priority is to provide the teams with a full compliment of Appraisers in each Challenge. This may mean that if the role you have selected is filled, we will have to train in you or place you in a position that you did NOT chose. Kids come first in NH-DI and we trust you will be flexible and understanding!

APPRAISAL TEAM POSITIONS & OTHER TOURNAMENT ROLES

NO PREFERENCE: NH-DI will designate a position for you in order to create a complete Appraisal team or respond to the needs at a given tournament. (This is the most helpful for us – thank you!)

INSTANT CHALLENGE APPRAISER: (15 to 18 per meet) This Appraiser works on a team with 2 to 3 others in a quiet classroom. S/he evaluates the teams while they solve or respond to an Instant Challenge that they have never seen before. This official would score the team's responses or keeps track of their points during their timed presentation period. This Appraiser needs to be friendly and consistent in his/her approach to every team.

SCORE ROOM ASSISTANT (4-6 per meet): This individual works for the official NH-DI Score Room and is responsible managing paperwork and entering scores into the computer. The Score Processor should be comfortable doing data entry on a PC and work quickly and accurately. Attendance at the Appraiser's training is required.

TEAM CHALLENGE APPRAISER (2 or more per Challenge): This Appraiser evaluates some of the required elements of the team's solution to the Challenge including Side Trips. In performance challenges, this is generally a subjective opinion. In more technical challenges, the appraiser is assigned to observe certain tasks and scores only those portions. S/he needs to have a sense of humor, to be consistent when appraising, as well as supportive and appreciative when engaging the team members. Specify whether you would prefer to score technical or performance based items!

SITE PAPER MANAGER (1 per Challenge) This person collects and organizes individual score sheets at the site and gets them ready for the score room. Must be well organized and thorough. This person does NOT evaluate the Challenge.

PREP AREA APPRAISER (1 or 2 per challenge): The Prep Area Appraiser is an outgoing, friendly person who is responsible for greeting team members and Team Managers, relaxing them, and checking that required parts of the solution -- props, paperwork, etc.-are in order and in compliance. This Appraiser is usually the first tournament official that the team encounters before its performance, so he/she must be very friendly, good with nervous kids, fair, gentle, patient, & well organized.

NOTE:

It is unlikely, but there is always a chance that we may have an over abundance of Appraisers registered. We may choose to assign trained appraisers to alternate – but equally valuable – support roles if that were to occur.

PREVIEW OF TEAM CHALLENGES

CHALLENGE A – DI-rect Flight!

Have you ever dreamed of soaring in the clouds and then gliding back to earth, defying gravity to feel the wind in your hair and see the world from a whole new perspective? Like many in history who have dreamed this dream before you, in this Challenge your team will have the chance to create Aircraft and show how they soar, perform stunts and then land exactly where you planned. Like Leonardo, Amelia, Joseph and Jacques, Wilbur and Orville, you can show the world that your ideas are destined to fly!

CHALLENGE B - CSI:DI

Color. Shadow. Illumination. Your colorful crime fighting team has the technology to shed light on an investigation! Just like Sherlock Holmes and Nancy Drew, colorful characters before you have delved into the shadows to investigate cases. Investigators often use gadgets to help illuminate the evidence needed to solve the case. Your Challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to bring another case to a close!

CHALLENGE C - Round About Courage

Heroes are courageous - they sometimes slay dragons to save whole villages! But there are also everyday acts of courage like raising your hand in class or trying a new stunt on your skateboard. Your team will create and present a story of a Heroic Adventure that includes a Personal Challenge for the Hero to overcome. The Presentation will be done in the style of Theater in the Round and will include a Technical Set Piece that brings your Story to life. And you have to do everything without electricity! It's time for your hero to show brilliant courage to those who surround your stage.

CHALLENGE D – Switching Traditions

Truly experiencing another culture requires every sense – to really appreciate how others live, you must see, feel, hear, taste and smell what makes their lives different from yours. In this Challenge, you'll zoom around the world experiencing International Traditions in a matter of nanoseconds. At one moment you may taste the tang of sauce currie in France, and then in the next moment you hear traditional throat singing in Tuva. Poof! You touch the mysteries of ancient Egypt. Let your senses guide you through a world of Traditions.

CHALLENGE E – Card-DI-ology

Is your destiny in the cards? CARDS are everywhere! CARDS prove our identity. CARDS allow us access to locked doors. CARDS can lead to financial ruin. We are in desperate need of a Card-DI-ologist! Can you help? You will present a story about the impact of cards, and you must build a Structure out of Playing Cards. When your Structure is tested to see how much weight it will hold, is success in the CARDS?

RISING STARS™ CHALLENGE (for Grades K-2) – Make It New, It's Up To You!

Have you ever imagined, while sitting still one day, A very special place you know, near or far away? Learn all about a Landmark, a place for all to see, Maybe it's a statue or a huge, gigantic tree. Maybe it's a building, built so long ago. The more you learn about it, the more you will know. Then make a new Invention that changes it some way, You can do it by yourselves! You're Rising Stars! Hurray!!!

MEET DATES IN 2007

3/10 – Plaistow Regional and Nashua Regional

3/17 – Tilton Regional and Swanzey Regional

3/31 – State Tournament @ Timberlane Reg. HS in Plaistow

NH-DI APPRAISER REGISTRATION FORM

APPRAISERS: You MUST commit to attend BOTH:

- 1) an Appraisers' Training Day on 1/27 or 2/3 (Byfield, MA on 2/10)
- 2) a Regional Tournament Day on 3/10 or 3/17

Both events involve a **full day commitment**. If you have conflicts for either of these days, **DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM**. In addition, if you had been asked to appraise for a team, contact their Team Manager immediately and ask them to find another volunteer. Teams incur penalties if their Appraisers do NOT fulfill their responsibilities!

NOTE: Parents of team members should **NOT** appraise at their child's Meet! They will **NOT** see their child perform! They are encouraged to sign up for an alternate Saturday!

WERE YOU ASKED TO BE THE APPRIASER FOR A SPECIFIC TEAM? YES NO

IF YES, WHAT SCHOOL? _____ MEET _____

TEAM'S CHALLENGE? _____ MEM #: _____

TEAM MANAGER'S NAME _____

I. APPRAISER INFORMATION

If you have registered online, ONLY fill in your name & email address and check here

If you want to register online at this time -- go to www.nh-dioline.org (easy!)

NAME _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____ HAVE YOU BEEN A DI OR OM TEAM MEMBER? YES NO

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WORK PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____ (IMPORTANT NUMBER ON TOURNAMENT DAY!)

RETURNING APPRAISERS: HAS ANY OF YOUR INFO CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR? YES NO

ARE YOU RELATED TO A TEAM MEMBER YES NO

ARE YOU RELATED A TEAM MANAGER? YES NO

WHICH CHALLENGE(S)? _____

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL NEED** THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? YES NO

** If your special need necessitates some consideration at the Tournament, please attach a note or contact us regarding what is required. (603-868-2140 or jill@nh-di.org)

II. APPRAISER TRAINING SIGN-UP: Trainings are from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Returning Appraisers MAY only have to attend a half-day. Check the training session you will attend. (The **snow date** for each training is in parentheses.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 – PENNICHUCK MS, NASHUA (2/17)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – WINNISQUAM REGIONAL MS, TILTON (2/17)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – TRITON REGIONAL MS, in Byfield, MA (LIMITED)

III. MEET DATE OPTIONS FOR 2007: The **meet snow dates** are (3/11) & (3/18)

NASHUA-3/10 PLAISTOW-3/10 SWANZEY-3/17 TILTON-3/17

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE: PICK ONE BELOW

1. APPRAISE WHERE THE TEAM I AM VOLUNTEERING FOR COMPETES YES NO

2. I AM NOT APPRAISING FOR A TEAM. I WILL GO TO _____
PICK FROM MEETS ABOVE

3. I LOVE DI & I VOLUNTEER TO APPRAISE AT TWO MEETS (3/10 & 3/17) YES

IV. ROLE/CHALLENGE OPTIONS

Please read the choices of the various roles and the synopsis of each Team Challenge BEFORE you make your selections. Indicate your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice preferences. If you mark just one choice, we will assume all others to be equal!

TEAM CHALLENGE SELECTION	APPRAISAL TEAM ROLE OR MEET ASSIGNMENT
_____ No Preference	_____ No Preference
_____ <i>Instant Challenge</i>	_____ Instant Challenge Appraiser
_____ <i>Direct Flight</i>	_____ Prep Area Appraiser
_____ <i>CSI:DI</i>	_____ Score Room Assistant
_____ <i>Round About Courage</i>	_____ Team Challenge Appraiser
_____ <i>Switching TraDitions</i>	
_____ <i>Card-DI-ology</i>	
_____ <i>Rising Stars! Make It New!</i>	
_____ <i>Score Room</i>	

VI. NH-DI STATE TOURNAMENT: WE ALWAYS NEED APPRAISERS!

COULD YOU APPRAISE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST IN PLAISTOW?

YES MAYBE NO
STATE TOURNAMENT APPRAISERS WILL BE CONFIRMED FOLLOWING THE REGIONAL MEETS.

THANK YOU! PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO: NH-DI, 24 MILL RD, DURHAM, NH 03824 OR RETURN THIS FORM TO THE TEAM THAT CONTACTED YOU BY 12/18/06

NH-DI WILL CONFIRM YOUR TRAINING ASSIGNMENT & YOUR MEET RESPONSIBILITY BY EMAIL IN MID-JANUARY. SNAIL MAIL WILL BE USED, IF NEEDED.

