

## APPRAISER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### **TEAMS: 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 31, 2009** at Pennichuck Middle School in Nashua (snow date 2/21) OR
2. **Saturday, February 7, 2009** at Merrimack Valley Middle School in Penacook (snow date 2/21)
3. **Saturday, February 14, 2009** at Triton Regional High School in Byfield, Massachusetts (limited enrollment)

### **Choose a tournament date -- 3/7 or 3/14**

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 [www.nh-dionline.org/online](http://www.nh-dionline.org/online) (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](mailto: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.

**ALL DAY MEET ASSIGNMENTS:** Consider working at the NH-DI Concession Stand, or being the Appraiser Lunch Supervisor or assisting as our onsite Medical Official (Must be a certified RN, EMT or MD) Interested? Call Jill at 868-2140 to see if any of these positions are still open ! This is the only way to sign up for these alternate roles!

#### 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 – OPERATION COOPERATION :** Where This Challenge Will Take You! People use machines to help them every day. But can you imagine machines helping other machines – working together to get the job done? Your team will make Operation Cooperation a reality when you create two machines that cooperate to help each other. Work will be twice as easy, and play will be twice as much fun!

**CHALLENGE B: INSTINCT MESSAGING** Where This Challenge Will Take You! Have you ever wondered what animals "say" to each other? Dr. Doolittle knew! We humans communicate in many ways - we talk, we use gestures, symbols and devices. We can even use a mobile phone to text message our BFF ;-). Animals don't communicate by using phones or computers, but they manage to get their message across anyway – loud and clear! They use sounds, color, movement and other tools to warn, inform and network. So get ready to create and communicate – animal style – and let your audience know what the buzz is all about.

**CHALLENGE C: VIDIO LIT HITS** Where This Challenge Will Take You! Harry Potter dances the Jitterbug? Lady Macbeth sings the Blues? What?! That's right! You'll bring literature alive as you retell it in your original Live Music ViDio. You can make your grand entrance or leave the audience begging for more with your spectacular exit! Whether you're doing the Twist or singing Ragtime music from the turn of the century, you will make the world of literature fun and exciting - you'll have the audience dancing out the doors with a song in their hearts!

**CHALLENGE D: PRIVATE DI®** Where This Challenge Will Take You! Grab some popcorn, dim the lights and make yourself comfortable; you are about to be amazed, mystified, and entertained! Your sleuth is about to solve a superstitious mystery! Using three film genres, a tantalizingly technical Superstition Origin Detector and - at the last cliff-hanging minute - a super surprise, your sleuth will lead us on a wild adventure that will have us on the edge of our seats!

**CHALLENGE E: A NEW ANGLE** Where This Challenge Will Take You! The Statue of Liberty dancing the tango? Mona Lisa's smile in origami? It's fun to look at things from a new angle! Now you get to design, create and combine a two-part structure that has angled sides, and then see how much weight it will hold. You'll also create a new art form by merging two different artistic media. So excite your ImagiNation by seeing things from A New Angle!

**CHALLENGE RISING STARS!® HIDDEN!** Peek around. Do you see something Hidden? Did you ever wonder what goes on when you shut the refrigerator door? When an ant scurries into an ant hill? When a whale swallows a school of fish? Close your eyes! Let your imagination travel. Imagine what happens in a HIDDEN place! Make up a play. In the play the characters have to solve a problem. Keep looking! Do you see a gadget? Let the story unfold, a story to be told. It's all up to you!

**projectOUTREACH : Take Charge!** : (state meet ONLY) You can have it both ways! Now is the time to take charge and make a difference. Rally your peers to dive into the Food Groups to Encourage and to get moving! Get ready to serve it up and work it out with this first season of Destination ImagiNation projectOUTREACH.

### MEET DATES IN 2009

3/7 – Tilton Regional and Swanzey Regional  
3/14 – Plaistow Regional and Nashua Regional  
3/28 – State Tournament @ Sanborn Regional HS in Kingston

## NH-DI APPRAISER REGISTRATION FORM

**APPRAISERS:** You MUST commit to attend BOTH:

- 1) an Appraisers' Training Day on 1/31 or 2/7 (Byfield, MA on 2/14)
- 2) a Regional Tournament Day on 3/7 or 3/14

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 & check here   
And if you want to register online at this time -- go to [www.nh-dionline.org/online](http://www.nh-dionline.org/online) (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](mailto: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 31 – PENNICHUCK MS, NASHUA (2/21)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – MERRIMACK VALLEY MS, PENACOOK (2/21)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – TRITON REGIONAL MS, BYFIELD, MA (LIMITED)

**III. MEET DATE OPTIONS FOR 2009:** The meet snow dates are (3/8) & (3/15)

SWANZEY-3/7 TILTON-3/7 NASHUA-3/14 PLAISTOW-3/14

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 (3/7 & 3/14)  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
_____ <b>No Preference</b>	_____ <b>No Preference</b>
_____ <i>Instant Challenge</i>	_____ Instant Challenge Appraiser
_____ <i>Operation Cooperation!</i>	_____ Prep Area Appraiser
_____ <i>Instinct Messaging</i>	_____ Score Room Assistant
_____ <i>ViDio Lit Hits</i>	_____ Team Challenge Appraiser
_____ <i>Private DI</i>	
_____ <i>A New Angle</i>	_____ project OUTREACH – Take Charge!
_____ <i>Rising Stars! Hidden!</i>	(Extra training opportunity for State Meet pO Pilot Program)
_____ <i>Score Room</i>	

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

COULD YOU APPRAISE ON **SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>ST</sup>** IN KINGSTON?

YES  MAYBE  NO

STATE TOURNAMENT APPRAISERS WILL BE CONFIRMED FOLLOWING THE REGIONAL MEETS.

THANK YOU! PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM: BY FAX TO 868-2140 OR BY MAIL TO STEVE GREENWOOD, 41 INDIAN ROCK ROAD, NASHUA, NH 03063

NH-DI WILL CONFIRM YOUR TRAINING ASSIGNMENT & YOUR MEET RESPONSIBILITY BY EMAIL IN MID-JANUARY!