

APPRAISER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEAMS: PLEASE GIVE THIS TO YOUR TEAM'S APPRAISER!

Hi, Appraisers!

Welcome Aboard & Congratulations!

Thank you for agreeing to support the Destination ImagiNation program and/or the team that recruited you! In NH, each team is **REQUIRED** to provide an adult volunteer who is at least 18 years of age and no longer in high school to be an Appraiser.

Done this before? Glad to have you back! You know the drill!

New to NH-DI? 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 and is very interactive, engaging, and did we mention FUN, too?

Here is what you have to do:

Choose a training date ~ either:

1. **Saturday, January 30, 2010** at Pennichuck Middle School in Nashua (snow date 2/20) OR
2. **Saturday, February 6, 2010** at Interlakes Regional High School in Meredith (snow date 2/20)
3. **Saturday, February 13, 2010** at Triton Regional High School in Byfield, Massachusetts (limited enrollment)



Choose a tournament date -- 3/6 or 3/13

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

Important for Parent-Appraisers: Does this parent-appraiser want to see their child perform? We strongly encourage parents of DI Team Members to appraise on the alternate meet date, so they can watch their child's performance. They will NOT see their child's presentation if they choose to appraise at the team's meet! 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 (EASY)
 - o list your preferences
 - o chose your training date
 - o select a Meet Date (or pick location where your team performs)
 - o make sure your shirt size is CORRECT!

NH-DI will send you a confirmation with your Meet responsibilities 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 your appraiser assignment has not arrived 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 register on the Web at <http://www.nh-di.org/online>. If you have difficulties using our website, call us at 868-2140 (Jill).

Can't make training, but still want to volunteer?

We need some All-Day Volunteers: medical assistance (EMTs, nurses, doctors), sales table volunteer, Appraiser lunch coordinator, etc. Call Jill at 868-2140 to see if these positions are available.

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 / SCORE ROOM LIAISON (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 -- 2010

CHALLENGE A: Direct Deposit: Where this Challenge will take you! You can deliver a pizza or the news. In the field of construction, you can be delivered from the brink of disaster or deliver important materials that build towards a goal. But can you deliver construction materials to targets you cannot see? **Points of Interest!** Your team will present a team-created story about making a decision: design and build a piece of equipment that delivers supply Objects over a Barrier to Targets; consider risk versus reward to increase your Object score through strategic delivery to job site Targets.

CHALLENGE B: DI®-Bot: Where This Challenge Will Take You! Robots – doing our chores and serving our every need! What could be better? Robotic Technology has changed our lives and made our dreams a reality. Use your knowledge of Robotic Technology to show us what may happen next. **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: learn about Robotic Technology and the changes it creates; create an original Story about how at least one character's life may be changed by this technology; design, create, and integrate a device called DI-BOT, which completes a motion or task, into the Story.

CHALLENGE C: You're Gonna Flip! Where This Challenge Will Take You! A young Kansas girl feels so unloved at home that she wants to run away. Flip! Over the rainbow, she learns to appreciate the love she has in her own backyard. That's Dorothy's story. Theater, books and art are full of such turnabouts. Your team gets to create your own Story with a Flip! **Points of Interest!:** your team will: present an Original Story dramatizing how a Character experiences a Flip, or a change of point of view, about someone or something; design, construct, and feature at least one Puppet as a character in the Story; create a piece of Live Visual Art to be completely produced during the Presentation.

CHALLENGE D: Do or DI® Where This Challenge Will Take You! A Threatened Thing is in danger of extinction; YOU are its only hope for survival! With a Stock Character and an Unimpressive Superpower, can you save the Great Barrier Reef, the Giant Panda, or even landline telephones? But do all threatened things need to be saved or is it better if some go the way of the dinosaur? **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: create a five-minute Improvisational Skit about a Threatened Thing in danger of extinction. Created in a seven-minute Preparation Time period; present a Skit using a randomly selected stock character, incorporate props and/or scenery to enhance the Skit; integrate a randomly selected Unimpressive Superpower revealed during the Skit.

CHALLENGE E: Breaking DI News! Where This Challenge Will Take You! DI teams make headlines building a structure that holds the most and weighs the least. And your team will reduce your props, reuse a story and recycle a newspaper! **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: design, build, and test a Structure made only of newsprint and glue; reduce the size of props and scenery, reuse a story about a Newsworthy Event in a nation other than your own; recycle newsprint by using it creatively in a costume or prop and more!

CHALLENGE RISING STARS!® WEIGHTY NEWS! Where This Challenge Will Take You! News here, news there...news everywhere! A Structure has been discovered. It is made of newspaper and tape. What could it be? What does it look like? How strong is it? Why is it here? How can it be used? So many questions! Maybe if we see a newscast about it, the reporters will have some answers.

projectOUTREACH : Band Together!:(at state meet ONLY) Where This Challenge Will Take You! Are you ready to make a difference in your community? Then fuel your passion and ignite your vision! In this Challenge, you'll design and implement a community-centered Project, and you'll use music to help you effect positive change. So band together, select a community need to address, and reach out with music to change our world!

MEET DATES IN 2010

3/6 – Tilton Regional and Swanzey Regional
3/13 – Plaistow Regional and BedfordRegional
3/27 – State Tournament @ Nashua HS North