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NH'S Brightest Get Their ImagiNation On

Destination ImagiNation Problem Solving, Teamwork, Creativity Competitions Start Saturday

Over 2,000 of the Granite State's most creative kids will be competing with problem-solving skills, creativity and teamwork. The students come from New Hampshire Destination ImagiNation teams representing schools and community groups from all corners of the state. This Saturday, the first week of regional competitions opens in Swanzey and Tilton.

"The important part of the program is the process – how each team gets to leverage the skills that each team member brings to the table", according to NH Executive Director Jill Schoonmaker. "Each of the seven Challenges teams can choose from tie to national learning stands and cover an array of interests." The areas include technical/mechanical design, robotics, scientific exploration and theater arts, literature, and fine arts, improvisation or structural/architectural design.

The solutions of these Challenges are often colorful, with "knock-your-socks-off" characters and plots. The amazing part is that these are totally team created solutions. "The important part", stresses Schoonmaker, "is the team realizing they alone have to create the solution, props, manage the budget and deliver a solution to competition."

Teams that advance from these regional competitions will advance to the State Finals in Nashua on March 27th. The top teams will advance to compete with teams from all 50 states and around the World at Destination ImagiNation Global Finals in May.

PRESS INFORMATION (Teams competing will follow this section):

WHAT: Destination ImagiNation Regional Creativity Competition

PHOTO OP: Bright colors, motion, puppets, robots, teams creating art on stage: CREATIVITY!

WHERE:

- Monadnock Regional High School, East Swanzey
- Winnisquam Middle and High Schools, Tilton

WHEN: This Saturday, March 6, 2010

TIMES: Best photos are between 10-3PM for solutions and interviews.
Competition slows around lunchtime. Check the schedules posted at www.NH-DI.org.

Teams at TILTON; number of teams to the right:

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| Alton Central School | 6 |
| Belmont Middle School | 5 |
| Berlin Schools | 4 |
| Bow Elementary School | 5 |
| Bow Schools | 5 |

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| Coe-Brown Northwood Academy | 1 |
| Conant School | 2 |
| Concord High School | 1 |
| Contoocook Area Schools | 2 |
| Garrison Elementary | 1 |
| Garrison Elementary School | 3 |
| Hopkinton DI | 1 |
| Inter-Lakes | 6 |
| Jackson Grammar School | 3 |
| Kearsarge Regional Middle School | 1 |
| Lighthouse Home School Co-op | 1 |
| Lin-Wood Elementary | 1 |
| Lin-Wood Middle School | 1 |
| Londonderry School District | 1 |
| Merrimack Valley High School | 1 |
| Newfound Memorial Middle | 2 |
| Paul School | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy | 2 |
| Profile School | 2 |
| Sandwich Central School | 1 |
| Strafford School | 4 |
| Thornton Central School | 1 |

Teams at E. Swanzey:

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| Amherst Middle School | 1 |
| Appleton Elementary | 2 |
| Chesterfield School | 8 |
| Conant High School | 3 |
| Cutler School | 1 |
| Fairgrounds MS / Amherst MS | 1 |
| Grantham Village School | 6 |
| Hillsboro Deering Elementary Sch | 1 |
| Hillsboro-Deering Middle School | 1 |
| Hollis DI | 1 |
| Indian River School | 4 |
| Jaffrey Grade School | 1 |
| Jaffrey Rindge Middle | 1 |
| Keene High School | 2 |
| Lebannon School District | 1 |
| Main Dunstable Elementary | 1 |
| Mascoma Valley Regional HS | 2 |
| McKelvie Intermediate School | 2 |

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| Milford Elementary | 4 |
| Milford High School | 1 |
| Milford Middle School | 3 |
| Monadnock Regional School | 3 |
| New England High School Gifted a | 1 |
| Westmoreland School | 1 |
| Wilton Lyndeborough | 3 |