

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 28, 2012** at Milford Middle School in Milford (snow date 2/18) OR
2. **Saturday, February 4, 2012** at Merrimack Valley Middle School in Penacook (snow date 2/18)
3. **Saturday, February 11, 2012** at Triton Regional High School in Byfield, Massachusetts (limited enrollment)



Choose a tournament date—dates to be finalized (meets run -- 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM+)

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-di.org/online
 - o click on offer to appraise in the gray area of the first page under actions. We will capture
 - your preferences
 - your training date
 - the meets that work for you
 - 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 sent via email.

If your appraiser assignment has not arrived by mid-January, please contact Kara at [868-2140](tel:868-2140) or by email at kara.swedlow@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 (Kara).

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 Kara 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 (3 or more per Challenge): This Appraiser evaluates some of the required elements of the team's solution to the Challenge including Team Choice Elements. 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.

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 Kara 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 -- 2011

CHALLENGE A: assembly required: Where this Challenge will take you! Better. Faster. Stronger. Make a better plan to fill orders. Use your skills to assemble products faster. Make equipment stronger than the competitors. Don't forget: everything has to happen just in time. Do it all, and leave nothing behind. Note: Assembly Required. **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: design and build equipment that retrieves parts and delivers products; assemble products from team-provided parts to fill orders and to use in your team's presentation; earn extra points by deciding how best to fill orders with no parts or products left over in the assembly area; present a team-created story about something that happens just in time.

CHALLENGE B: the solar stage: Where This Challenge Will Take You! Since the first sunrise, solar energy has shaped and fueled planet Earth. Now it is your turn to harness the sun's awesome power in a new way...IN THE DARK! Can someone please dim the lights? It's time to shine-on The Solar Stage. **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: create and present a theatrical performance that tells a story about the use of solar energy; integrate research about past and/or current uses of solar energy; design and create a solar energy prototype that demonstrates a new way to collect, capture and use solar energy; design and provide theatrical lighting to be used to illuminate the presentation and to create special theatrical effects.

CHALLENGE C: coming attractions Where This Challenge Will Take You! THE FOLLOWING PREVIEW HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR ALL AUDIENCES: Roll the opening credits, start the music, and cue the stars: characters from two nations. You haven't seen a Movie Trailer until you've seen one live! Your team. In Coming Attractions. Playing everywhere this season. **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: present a movie trailer involving characters from at least two nations; design a cinematic special effect and feature it in the movie trailer; create an original soundtrack that complements the movie trailer.

CHALLENGE D: news to me Where This Challenge Will Take You! What if a "3-Foot Snake Found in a Child's Locker" actually caused the "Gulf Coast Oil Spill"? On top of that, what if everyone involved with that story had ferrets for fingers? OMG what a story! Toss in some cooperative human scenery and you'll have a sensational tale to tell. DI improv style! **Points of Interest!** Your team will: learn about different types of news stories; learn about cause and effect relationships; practice techniques for cooperative human scenery and props and use cooperative human scenery and props to enhance your skit; create a 5-minute improvisational skit about the cause-and-effect relationship between two unrelated news stories; have all your plans suddenly become totally discombobulated by a One-Minute Glitch (OMG)!

CHALLENGE E: hold it! Where This Challenge Will Take You! Hold that pose! Hold that thought! Hold onto your hat! And build a structure that can hold things inside while holding up weight! In this ultimate test of control your team will deliver, captivate and Hold It! **Points of Interest!:** Your team will: design, build, and test a Structure made entirely out of wood and glue to hold weight and contain tournament-provided golf balls; design and build a delivery device that will deposit the golf balls, one at a time, into the structure; create and present an original story about a "Captivator"; integrate the weight placement and golf ball delivery into the story.

CHALLENGE RISING STARS!@ built to last Where This Challenge Will Take You! At the factory you team is designing the best toy ever to be created, but you all have your own ideas! How are you ever going to make up your minds on what toy to create? Will your team be able to come together and agree on the perfect toy? It's up to you in Built to Last!

projectOUTREACH : the world canvas:(at state meet ONLY) Where This Challenge Will Take You! Make a difference in your community by sharing your passion and delivering for your cause. Can you excite others to join your campaign? Grab your paintbrush, dip into service, exhibit your project and Canvas the World!

Check the calendar at NH-DI.org for competition dates!