

# Welcome to Southeast 6 Region

## Texas DI

### 2022-23



# What is Destination Imagination?

DI is a global educational nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative problem solvers, impacting over 150,000 students, in 42 US Affiliates, 28 countries and 6 continents.

DI believes that when an educational experience is hands-on, collaborative and fun, students are empowered to take their learning to the next level and are excited to do so.



# What Does DI Believe?

Destination Imagination believes in promoting these principles:



**Fun learning: Explore STEAM concepts in a hands-on environment**

**Creative problem solving: Learn how to think, not what to think**

**Kid powered; team driven: Energize students to own all decisions, creations, and results**

**Friendly competition: Motivate teams to reach for the stars, while also rooting for each other**

**Global diversity: Encourage and celebrate differences in each other, and differences in ideas**



Texas DI and our Southeast 6 Region are non-profit organizations working in conjunction with affiliates across the globe to offer the world's largest **kid-powered** and **team-driven** creative problem solving program.

# **Texas DI and Southeast 6 Region Want Your Students!**

**Early Learning to University  
Level students can participate  
on teams composed of 2-7  
members**

**Rising Stars (K-2nd Grade)  
Elementary (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Middle (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Secondary (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
University**

**Level based on oldest team  
member**



# Southeast 6 DI Wants Your Students!

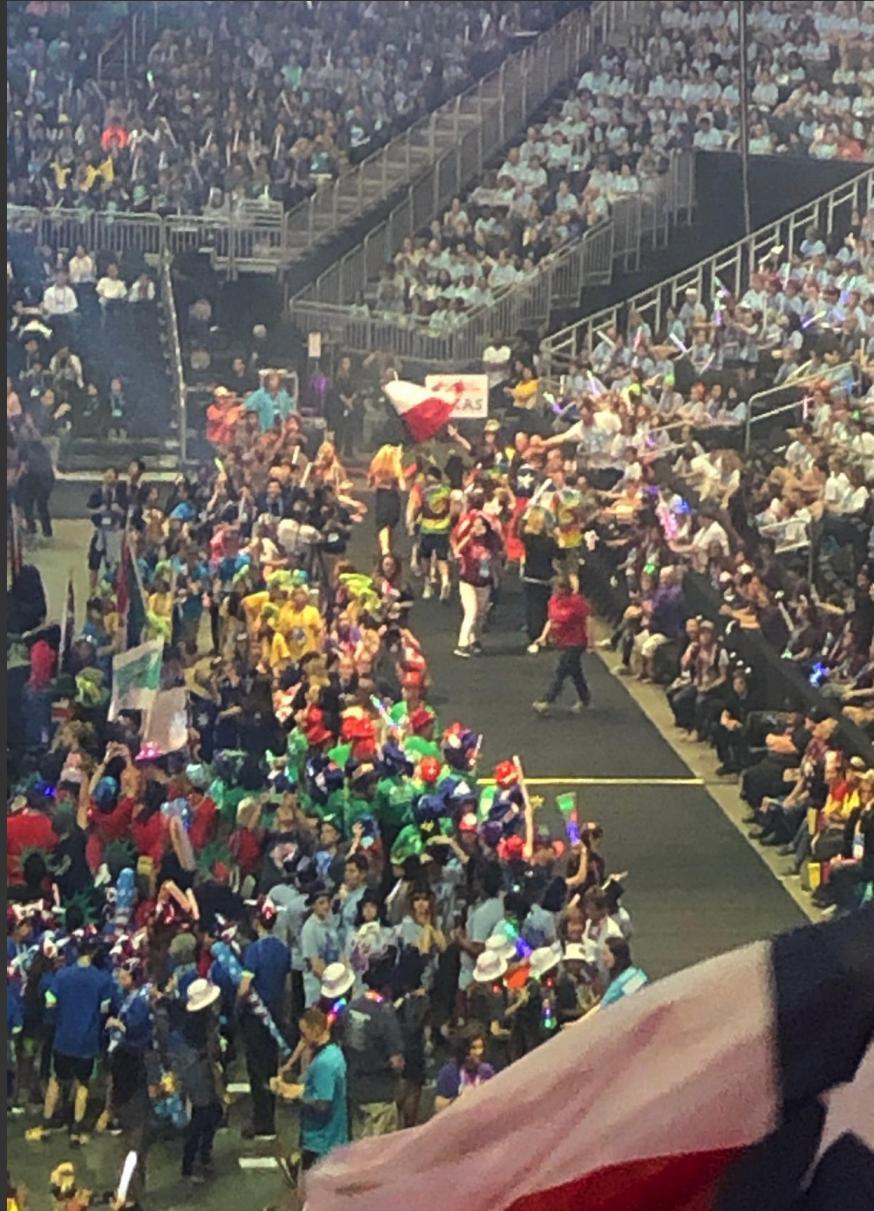
**Teams compete in any of  
7 Team Challenges.**

**Technical  
Scientific  
Fine Arts  
Improvisational  
Engineering/Structural  
Service Learning  
Early Learning**



# DI Program Structure Overview

1. Teams form in the fall.
2. Teams present their challenge solutions and Instant Challenge solutions to Regional appraisers.
3. Winning teams advance to the Affiliate Tournament.
4. Top Affiliate teams advance from Texas to DI Global Finals.

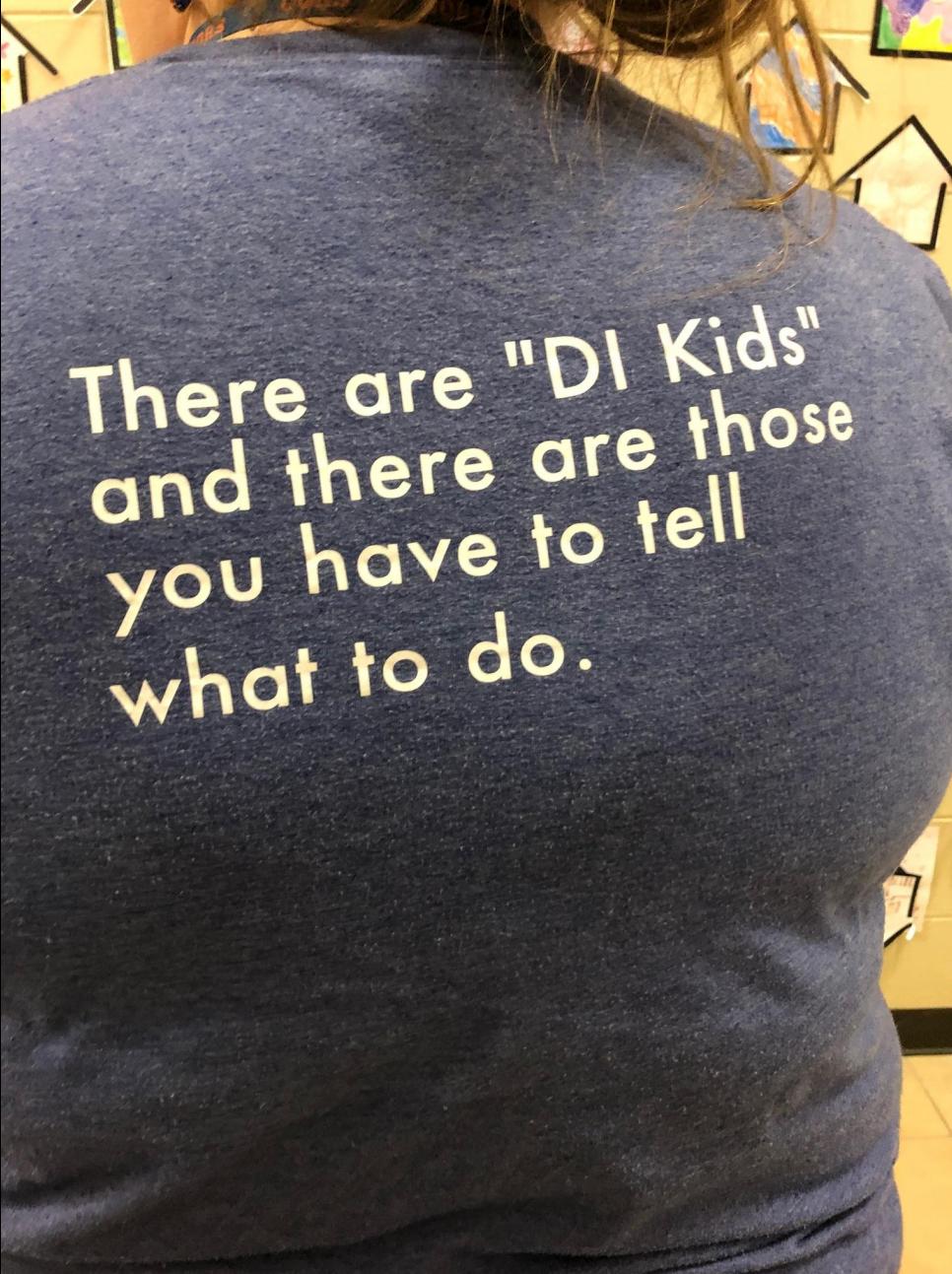


**Challenges help students access their creativity, learn how to work as a team, and gain experience in solving problems.**

**In DI, Students:**

- gain lifelong critical and creative thinking skills.
- learn to work hard together to achieve goals.
- learn to listen, evaluate, and build upon teammate ideas.
- develop time management.
- gain personal validation
- build skills colleges and employers are looking for.
- have fun!





There are "DI Kids"  
and there are those  
you have to tell  
what to do.

# Boardroom Skills

Resilience

Grit

Teamwork

Communication

Public Speaking Skills

Emotional Intelligence

Creativity

Collaboration

Conflict Resolution

Cooperation

Consensus Building

Friendship

Tenacity

Innovation

Follow the Requirements of the Challenge

Out of the Box Thinking

Time Management

Project Management

Budgeting

Delegation

Decision Making

Initiative

Strategy

Problem Solving

Prioritization

Executive Function Skills

Taking & Giving Feedback

Responding to Failure

Utilizing Resources

Thinking On Your Feet

Planning

Hard work

Risk Taking



*Team Challenges* take teams months to solve and have specific focuses.

Instant Challenges require teams to engage in quick creative and critical thinking.

All teams, unless they are competing in the Improvisational Challenge, must include two *Team Choice Elements*. *Team Choice Elements* are:

- Team determined and scored.
- Opportunities to showcase and receive points for team effort or skills not already assessed in the *Team Challenge*.





## TECHNICAL CHALLENGE

The Technical Challenge prompts students to complete tasks by using engineering, research, strategic planning, and related skills.

### Piece By Piece

- Design and create a puzzle that will be assembled during the Presentation.
- Design and build 2 puzzle solvers that use technical methods to assemble the puzzle.
- Create and present a story about how a character's understanding changes at a pivotal moment.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE

Our Scientific Challenge blends the curiosity of scientific research with the creative expression of performance art.

### Far-Fetched

- Present a team-created story in the style of a tall tale.
- Include an exaggerated character with a hyperbolic trait.
- Design and build a theatrical embellishment that enhances the hyperbolic trait.
- Present a scientific analysis to determine whether or not the exaggerated character could actually exhibit the hyperbolic trait(s) as described in the tall tale.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## FINE ARTS

Our Fine Arts Challenge helps students develop acting and creative skills through artistic media, theater arts, scriptwriting, and prop design.

### Flip The Script

- Create and present a flipped tale that is inspired by a well-known story but focuses on a new main character.
- Research literary devices and integrate one into the Presentation.
- Use theatrical techniques to move the audience's focus from one portion of the Presentation Area to another.
- Design and build a piece of scenery that goes through a scenery flip.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## IMPROVISATIONAL

Our Improvisational Challenge is all about research, spontaneity, and storytelling. Teams receive topics and produce skits right on the spot.

### Showdown

- Create and present an improvisational skit about an Underdog preparing for and/or participating in a competition.
- Incorporate an expert into the skit.
- Integrate a complication into the skit.
- Enhance the skit with trash bags and rubber bands.



## ENGINEERING

Our Engineering Challenge asks students to design, build, and test load-bearing structures created from specific materials.

### Thrill Ride

- Design and build a roller coaster that will be assembled and then tested during the Presentation.
- Design and create a launching mechanism that starts moving a golf ball along the roller coaster track.
- Test how far and how fast the golf ball can travel through the roller coaster.
- Create a Presentation that shows what the riders would experience when riding the roller coaster.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## SERVICE LEARNING

Our Service Learning Challenge is designed to engage students in public service that addresses real-life community issues.

### High Stakes

- Identify, design, carry out, and evaluate a project that addresses a need in a real community.
- Create and present a suspenseful story about a high-stakes situation.
- Include a slow-motion scene that is enhanced by a special effect.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## EARLY LEARNING

Our Rising Stars for Early Learners Challenge offers simple experiences with the creative process, and it gives young kids (preschool through 2nd grade) a place to work together and make new friends.

### Play On

- Create and present a play about a group of friends going on a fantastic adventure together.
- Include a musical character.
- Create musical instruments and use them to perform a song.
- Create costumes, props, and scenery to help tell the story.



## Instant Challenge

All teams will have the opportunity to solve an Instant Challenge. These challenges require teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking.

- In a world with growing cultural connections, increased levels and types of communication, and a new need for real-time teamwork and problem-solving, the ability to solve problems quickly is becoming increasingly critical.
- Each team will be asked to solve an Instant Challenge for their DI tournament. The team must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a short period of time.
- Instant Challenges are performance-based, task-based, or a combination of the two. Although each Instant Challenge has different requirements, all Instant Challenges reward teams for their teamwork. Instant Challenges are kept confidential until it is time for teams to solve them.

# Southeast 6 DI Needs You!

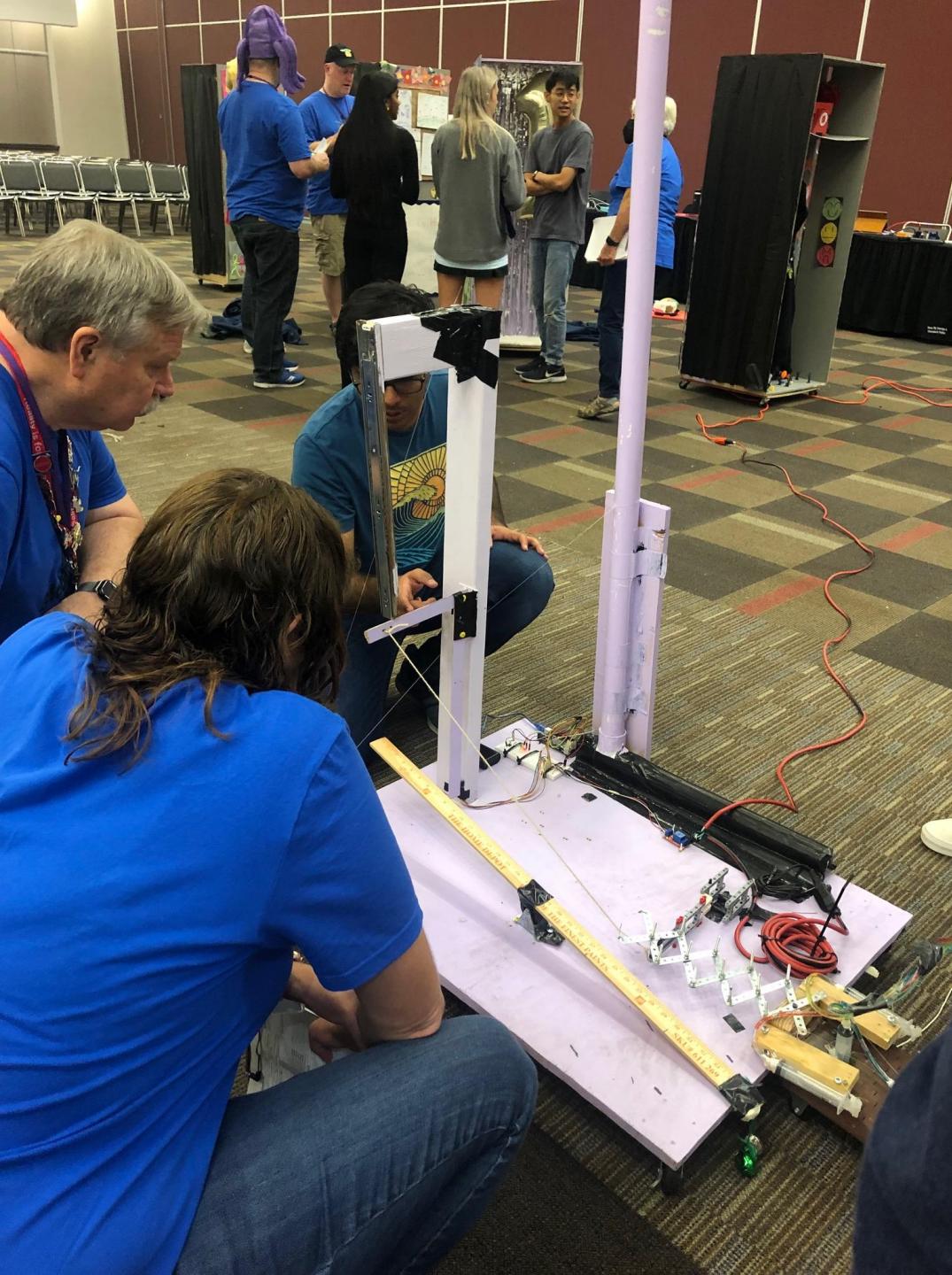


## **Southeast 6 DI Needs Parents, Teachers and Volunteers to serve as Team Managers, Co-Team Managers or team supporters who will:**

- Understand the Rules of Interference. DI Challenges are all about allowing kids to create on their own without help from any adults or non-team members.
- Share your skills! Learning new skills is a big part of the DI process and can help teams in solving a Challenge. From acting, to engineering techniques, to learning how to use a power drill, parents are encouraged to share their skills and talents with their team. Parents can also help coordinate field trips or outside skills workshop.
- Provide snacks. Between idea generation and building a solution, kids often get hungry at team meetings. Provide them with healthy snacks or purchase them for the Team Manager so that he or she can provide them at upcoming team meetings.
- Help out as a Co-Team Manager. One of the biggest gifts you can give is to become a co-Team Manager. By having more than one Team Manager, you can split up some of the work and alleviate some of the pressure. For example, one of you can oversee the Team Challenge while the other oversees Instant Challenge.
- Participate in at least one Team Manager Training with our Region.

- Training Dates: September 24, (experienced managers via Zoom), October 22, November 15, December 10.
- Each season takes place from September through May, except for Rising Stars. Teams typically spend about 5 months developing and practicing their challenge solutions.
  - Regional Tournament, February 18, 2023, TWHS
  - Affiliate Tournament, March 24-25, 2023, UT Arlington
  - Global Finals Tournament, Sunday, May 21 through Tuesday, May 23, 2023, Kansas City, Mo.





# Southeast 6 DI Needs Volunteers to serve as Appraisers.

DI is a volunteer-run organization! Without our amazing volunteers, we wouldn't be able to acknowledge and recognize the teams' hard work or host a tournament. Even giving back for a few days helps! Each team must provide at least two appraisers.

# DI Needs You



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## Team Formation Process:

- Complete the DI Student Form that was in today's (9/20) Tuesday folder
- Return this form along with your \$35 fee to your child's homeroom teacher by THIS Friday (9/23)
- Teams will be formed next week by the school
- Team managers will start contacting students the first week of October to let them know what team they are on

## Participation Fees:

- There is a \$35 fee to participate in DI
- If financial assistance is needed, please contact our principal, Tina Oliver, directly for a scholarship application
- You can expect to pay an additional \$40-50 for materials (approximate) depending on the challenge your team decides to solve

## Questions or Need the Student Form?

# Destination Imagination Year 2022-2023

- Check with your campus to learn about how the process works at your school.
  - Application Process and Team Formation
  - Teams usually meet once a week after school or on weekends for an hour or more



# Let Your Journey Begin Today!





If your child is interested in being on DI team this year, check with your child's school or school district.

For more information email Pat Sudduth, Southeast 6 Regional Director at [se6regionaldirector@gmail.com](mailto:se6regionaldirector@gmail.com) or [pat.sudduth@ditxse6.org](mailto:pat.sudduth@ditxse6.org)