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Team Building Activities

These can help your team get to know each other and learn to work together.

Crocodiles!

For this activity you will need four sheets of newspaper.

The team must pretend that a designated part of the room is a swamp filled with crocodiles. They must get all members of the team across the swamp without touching the floor, using only the newspaper.

Keep Me Safe!

One person leads another person through an imaginary situation, with or without obstacles. For example, the assignment may be to lead your teammate through a snowstorm, going through snowdrifts, avoiding polar bear attacks, etc.

Silence Rules!

Have the team get in line from the tallest to the shortest, or in order of their birthdays, or from the smallest to the largest shoe size, WITHOUT talking.

Pot Luck!

Enjoy some meals together. Have team members bring assigned items for a sandwich or salad bar. Then, without talking, have each team member prepare someone else's salad or sandwich just the way they want it!

North Carolina

Destination Imagination®

"The beginning is the most important part of any work." ~Plato

DI- A Common Denominator for Success

What do these five people all have in common?

- A young man with more than 30 patents before the age of 30.
- A female doctor that developed a surgical technique for what was previously considered an inoperable brain tumor.
- A female engineer under the age of 25 yrs holds an executive position with a national aeronautics company
- A childhood spinal meningitis victim whom doctors predicted would live her life as a vegetable is now a bright young woman surpassing all others in academic standards.
- Zac Efron. Yes, the current young hottie of Disney musical fame.

These are only five of the graduates of the Destination Imagination (DI) program. More than one million kids have experienced this program

in the last 25 years.

DI youth are the kids next door, down the street, the athlete, musician, scientist, mathematician, dancer, artist, historian, researcher, etc. They are in private schools, public schools, faith based schools, after school programs, and/or just kids who hear about DI and want to form a team. In their world, being different is normal, and capitalizing on the differences makes a better team. Respect for others is a just another attribute of these wonderful youth.

Here are some reasons to get the kids that you care about involved in Destination Imagination:

✦ Taking part in one of the many creative problem solving programs offered by Destination Imagination, Inc. helps to teach kids critical thinking, teamwork, self reliance, presentation skills, innovative thought, project management and research skills.

✦ The U.S. Department of

Education is interested in DI's creative problem solving processes, and the National Center for Education and the Economy has recognized that DI's teamwork approach to problem solving should be integrated into American classrooms.

Now entering its 25th year, non-profit Destination Imagination has touched the lives of millions of youth worldwide, and our alumni occupy some very lofty positions today in corporate America, academia, industry, education, finance and other fields. Many say they could not have gotten there without their DI experience.

So whether you are a parent interested in helping your children find a creative outlet, or an educator or community volunteer wanting to help kids expand their horizons and develop new skills and potentials, please consider bringing Destination Imagination into the lives of the children you care about. It could change their lives, and bring about a better future for all of us!

State Tournament April 5, 2008

Make sure you have marked your calendar for April 5, 2008! That is the date of our NCDI State Tournament. The tournament will be held at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, NC. Registration for the day is due by February 15, 2007. There will be a registration fee of \$40 due with the registration.

Thanks to the National Dairy Association for sponsoring DI!



Hold a Parent Meeting

If you haven't yet had a meeting with the parents of your team members, now is the time! Parental support can be very important, so establish it early by making sure that your parents understand what their children are doing and the commitment involved. Help parents understand the rules of Interference and know that their role is one of support and encouragement. Let them know that their kids must totally own their solution and that the job of the team manager and parents is to reinforce the choices made by the team, not to second-guess them. Let parents know what they can do to help you— supply snacks, drive kids to get materials, provide supplies, etc. If you feel that you need an extra person around for safety reasons, to oversee use of tools, or to help the team focus and maintain order, ask parents to help.

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Finding Answers- Some Advice for Team Managers

Whether you are a new team manager or one with experience, at times you may have questions or need help or advice. Do you know where to turn?

- Check our web pages. Refer to www.idodi.org or www.ncdini.org. Sometimes you can find answers there.
- Is the question about the challenge your team is working on and its rules? First, read the challenge again. Refer to the **Rules of the Road** if your question is of a more general nature. If there is still something that you don't understand regarding your challenge, follow the Clarification Procedure by going to www.idodi.org to request a Clarification. The Clarification procedure is outlined on page 25 of the **Rules of the Road**.
- Another place to find help and network with other team managers is to sign up for the DINI email list. This group discusses general DI issues like teambuilding. This is not a place to discuss specifics about the challenges. Sign up by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dini/>. There is also a support forum that you can be involved in at www.disupport.org.
- Is there a certain skill that your team needs help with? Call or email us if you feel that your team would benefit from a workshop focusing on technical skills, script development or drama skills. We will set up a time to work with them.
- Does your team need Instant Challenge help? Your AD's love to hold Instant Challenge days with teams. We can also provide IC ideas that you can do with your team.
- Never hesitate to email or call us with questions or concerns. We really are here to help you! Kirby@ncdini.org or 704-541-5544.

“Houston, We Have a Problem”

One Example of Creative Problem Solving In the Real World

As you ponder what benefits Destination Imagination® and Creative Problem Solving may offer your students, consider this:

On April 13, 1970, 200,000 miles from earth, 55 hours and 55 minutes into the third lunar landing attempt, Apollo 13 crew members, James A. Lovell, Jr., John L. Swigert, Jr., and Fred W. Haise, Jr., were without electricity, light, and water. The second of two oxygen tanks exploded, causing the first tank to fail as well. Swigert saw a warning light, heard a sharp bang, felt a vibration, and uttered the classic line often associated with this mission, “Houston, we have a problem.” Warning lights indicated that one of the fuel cells was empty, and the remaining two were venting at a high rate into space. The crew systematically began closing hatches and hurried into the Lunar Module (LM) lifeboat. Carbon dioxide built up within the small capsule. The square lithium hydroxide canisters from the Control Module (CM), used to remove carbon dioxide from the air, were not compatible with the round openings in the LM. The space crew gathered together all the items they could use onboard to make the mismatch fit. Mission Control gathered the same items in Texas. On the ground, they constructed a way to attach the CM canisters to the LM system using plastic bags, cardboard, and duct tape. Mission Control instructed the astronauts via satellite communication and told them step-by-step, how to build the object. This crucial assistance saved the lives of three astronauts and perhaps the future of America in Space.



The problem solving skills used by the engineers and astronauts in this situation are many of the same skills developed through Destination Imagination. Getting the kids that you care about involved in DI can help put them on the road to becoming the creative problem solvers who could change the world one day.