

Destination ImagiNation at Westmount Charter

Destination ImagiNation (DI) is an extraordinary non-profit educational organization in which student teams solve open-ended, mind-bending Challenges which stimulate creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills. They then present their solutions at Tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges. Participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills—they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving. It is widely recognized that creativity, innovation, and the ability to manage change are essential competencies for today's students. Destination ImagiNation is a program that builds participants' creativity, teamwork and problem solving in enjoyable and meaningful ways.



Creativity

Creativity has the power to change the world. We will encourage, teach and celebrate creativity around the world. Our programs will provide positive and fun environments for participants to explore and develop their unlimited creativity and to be open and courageous.

Teamwork

Becoming a team is a life-changing experience. Our programs will encourage teams to work productively and celebrate accomplishments. Teamwork unleashes individual strengths and styles to work collaboratively toward a common goal.



Problem Solving

Our world's future depends on extraordinary problem solvers. Problem solving is the process of exploring the possibilities and developing effective solutions. Our programs will provide opportunities for participants to learn and experience problem solving skills, tools and methods

Additional information about DI can be found at:

<http://www.idodi.org>

<http://dialberta.blogspot.com>

<http://www.diuniversity.org>

Destination ImagiNation is being offered to all grades at Westmount this year. We are asking the students to form their own teams, with their friends and classmates (5-7 students/team). It is also optimal if they can find their own team manager. It may be more convenient for team members to live somewhat near each other should the students choose to get together outside of normal meeting times. If students can only form a partial team, they can still join and we will try to help them form a team with another partial team. Team meetings will be held right after school on a schedule that suits each individual team and team manager. Please mark which days would work best for your child. The cost for this program, which includes the Calgary Tournament registration (March 3), is \$45 (fees due by Dec 5). Please hand this form into the office as soon as possible, or email the information below to Sandra Plant., asap. Any questions/registration may be addressed to sandraplant@netscape.net

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Age on June 15, 2012 _____

Parent Name _____ Day of week preference M T W T F

Phone _____ Team Manager (if known) _____

E-Mail _____ Long Term Challenge (if known) _____

Team Members (if known) _____

Please contact me regarding team manager opportunities