# DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination offers the team-based challenge experience rooted in STEAM subjects that inspire unique solutions through the use of the creative process. Each team has 2-7 students, plus one parent volunteer who acts as the Team Manager. Teams develop solutions to project-based STEM challenges and then present their solutions live at tournaments.

Each year, more than 150,000 students across the world participate in the Destination Imagination Challenge Experience. Each season, DI offers seven STEM challenges.

For 2023-2024 Session, check this link for challenge details:

<https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-experience/challenge-previews/>

**THE CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE**

* Teams of 2-7 students and 1 adult Team Manager
* K-12 plus universities
* September - May
* Competitive: Teams are scored and ranked
* Team selects one Team Challenge and creates a solution to present a local tournament.
  + Grades K-2: Early Learning (non-competitive) / Rising Stars
  + Grades 3-5: Technical, Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improvisational, or Service Learning
* Qualifying teams advance to additional tournaments and may qualify to advance to Global Finals\*

**EARLY LEARNING**

* Age 4-8 or grades PreK-2
* Non-competitive
* Up to 10 team members
* 1 unique Team Challenge tailored to younger leaners.

**DIGITAL OPEN**

* Virtual tournaments
* September -December (shorter commitment)

**HOW TO START?**

1. Read the FAQ to understand student time commitments and parental involvement.
2. Sign up to be a Team Manager
3. Form a Team
   1. PTA can help create the Interest Sign-up to help connect potential team members with the team manager.
   2. Your child can ask classmates and buddies who might be good fits to establish a team
4. Register and get the paid DI Team Kit (9 languages available)
   1. It includes your Team Number, full challenge documents, Rules of the Road, and Instant Challenge Practice Set. This kit will give you additional information about how DI works and how you can help!
5. Start your first team meeting and Choose a Challenge Type

Club fees: $165/per team

* Participate in one of 6 competitive Team Challenges or the Early Learning Challenge
* Roadmap for Team Managers with tips and activities to help your team succeed
* Online Team Manager Training with Challenge-specific modules
* Instant Challenge Practice Set
* Material costs are not included.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

How many hours are expected from a kid during an entire DI season?

Teams are encouraged to meet in-person or online once or twice per week starting in November. Each team meeting lasts about two hours. There may be additional offline, hands-on individual work time depending on the solution that a team comes up with. Teams may increase meetings and/or individual work time as tournaments approach.

What will the 2023-24 Season look like?

* **Sept:** DI Season Starts. Start to form DI teams. Registration starts.
* **Oct:** Digital Open (Optional). http://www.destinationimagination.org/digital21/
* **Oct 31st:** Registration Close
* **Oct-Feb:** Monthly DI Team Manager meetings or trainings
* **Jan:** Instant Challenge Workshop (tentative)
* **Feb-Mar:** Regional and State Tournaments
* **May/Jun/Summer:** Global Finals 2023

Magnolia DI will host Team Manager meetings to support new TMs and boost the Magnolia DI community. We will have experienced DI Team Managers to share:

* good practice,
* things you need to be aware of,
* ways to unify the effort for tournament registration, and
* materials for Instant Challenges.