

# WHAT IS DESTINATION IMAGINATION??



Destination Imagination (DI) is a volunteer-led organization whose purpose is to equip students to creatively solve challenges as a team. In working to solve Challenges, teams learn 21st century skills (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, citizenship and courage), step outside of their comfort zones to pursue ideas and make presentations, and build on their unique strengths.

## WHO

- 5-7 members can be on a team
- Each team needs an adult Team Manager.
- Team Managers help students stay on track but do not directly help the team develop its solution to the DI Challenge. Team Managers are often faculty members or parents.
- Parents support the team with snacks, materials, and assisting the Team Manager.

## WHAT

- There are seven new Challenges to choose from each year. The areas of focus include: Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Structural and Service Learning.

## WHEN

- Each season takes place from September through March. Depending on the Challenge, teams typically spend 2 to 4 months developing and practicing their Challenge solutions.

## WHERE

- The team's solutions are assessed at regional, state or country tournaments.
- Children meet at their home school, after school. Older children may meet in the Manager's home.

## WHY

- Students in our program learn higher order thinking and improve in creative and critical thinking while learning to work together as a team.

## HOW

- Teams choose one of seven Challenges. After weeks spent creating and developing their solutions, they go to a local tournament.