



Destination Imagination Tournament Event Guide Wisconsin Northeast Region 2026

Welcome! This guide is designed to help you plan for and navigate the event with confidence, with information to support a wide range of access needs and experiences. Images and image descriptions can be found at the end of the guide.

About the Event

A Destination Imagination (DI) tournament includes two main components: the **Team Challenge** and the **Instant Challenge**.

Each team presents its **Team Challenge** solution at a scheduled time and location. The Team Challenge falls in one of seven categories: Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Engineering, Service Learning, or Early Learning. These presentations are about eight minutes and may include loud sounds, flashing lights, or quiet dialogue, depending on the team's approach. Each Presentation Site varies in size, seating, and acoustics, and audiences may come and go between teams. Spectators are welcome at the Team Challenge sites.

The **Instant Challenge** is a surprise activity that teams complete in a private setting. Instant Challenge areas are quiet zones. No spectators are allowed at the Instant Challenge sites.

The tournament concludes with a lively **Awards Celebration**, which may be noisy and crowded; ear defenders or plugs are welcome.

Spectators are encouraged to attend with the following information: team name, Challenge, Team Number, school/organization, and Presentation time and place of the team they are coming to see.

Event Snapshot

- Date & Time: Saturday, February 28, 2026, 8 AM – 5:30 PM
- Location: Algoma High School, 1715 Division St. Algoma, WI [Map Link](#)
- Tournament Day Access Contact: Nicole Meverden, Facilities Coordinator, n_mev@hotmail.com, (920) 365-2109.

- General Questions: Regional/Tournament Directors Tim Hornberger, tim.hornberger@wisconsindi.org/(920) 562-6112, OR Robyn Harper, robyn.harper@wisconsindi.org/(920) 360-3192
- Tournament Schedule: <https://wisconsindi.org/widi-regions/widi-regions-ne/>
- Event Map: <https://wisconsindi.org/widi-regions/widi-regions-ne/>

Navigating the Venue

- Main entrances are wheelchair accessible and marked with signage.
- Check-in Location: in the hallway inside Door D, next to the cafeteria.
- Volunteers wearing purple shirts and gold shirts and can assist you.
- Wayfinding maps will be posted and available online: <https://wisconsindi.org/widi-regions/widi-regions-ne/>

Inclement Weather

- In case of inclement weather, teams will be notified via: email, the WIDI website <https://wisconsindi.org/widi-regions/widi-regions-ne/> and NERDI Facebook [@NERDIWI](https://www.facebook.com/NERDIWI)
- Tornado shelters can be found in Rooms 108, 111, 114, 115, and 122.

Emergency Procedures

- Fire alarms have flashing lights and loud, repetitive sirens.
- Follow exit signage when necessary.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout the building.
- First aid kits are available in each Challenge Room and at the information table.
- In case of a medical emergency, notify the nearest tournament volunteer. We will immediately call 911.

Core Accessibility Features

Mobility Information

- Accessible parking is available across from Door D and outside of Door A.
- Wheelchair-accessible paths lead to all major venues.
- An elevator is available one the first floor across from Room 118, and on the second floor across from Room 217.
- Accessible restrooms are located in all restrooms.
- We recommend bringing any mobility aids, as Presentation Sites are spread out.

- The following Presentation sites are on upper floors and/or have alternate access for those using mobility aids: Service Learning, Early Learning, and Fine Arts. The second floor is accessible via the elevator.

Sensory Regulation & Quiet Space

- A Quiet Room/Regulation Room is available at Room 112.
 - This room offers low lighting, seating, and a calm atmosphere.
 - This room is for use by anyone needing a sensory break, medication space, prayer, etc.
- We welcome your self-advocacy and want to support you. Feel free to:
 - Stand or move as needed
 - Use stim devices
 - Use your preferred method of communication

Communication Access

- The main language of the event is English.
- Please contact Tim Hornberger, tim.hornberger@wisconsindi.org, OR Robyn Harper, robyn.harper@wisconsindi.org at least 10 days in advance for communication needs, including:
 - Sign Language interpretation
 - Presentation in another language
 - Large-print materials

Restroom Information

- All-gender restrooms are located across from Room 116.
- Men's and Women's restrooms are available throughout the venue.
- Accessible stalls are available in all restrooms.
- A baby changing station is located in Room 112
- Menstrual products: In all women's restrooms and the all-gender restroom.

Lactation & Family Room

- A private room for nursing parents is available in Room 112.

Scent-Free Policy

- This is a low-scent event. Please avoid perfumes and scented products.

- Signage will be posted at entrances.

Service Animals

- Service animals are welcome throughout the venue.

Food/Drink & Allergens

- Food vendors will post allergen information.
- An allergen-free eating space: Room 125.
- Teams may bring their own food—please eat in the cafeteria. Food is NOT allowed in any competition site or in the gymnasium. Concessions will be available in the cafeteria.
- Our tournament is free from latex.
- Let us know in advance if you follow a specific diet (e.g., plant-based, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, sugar-free, halal, kosher, etc.)

Immunity Precautions & First Aid

- Our event will adhere to local health and safety restrictions.
- First aid kits can be found at the check in table inside Door D and at all Challenge sites.

Accommodation Requests

If anyone on your team needs specific accommodations:

- Fill out the [Accommodation Request Form](https://share.hsforms.com/1A-lLir40TLaYK2-QWUPNvA1mraj).
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- We recommend submitting requests at least 7 days before the event.
- On-the-day needs: **Nicole Meverden**, Tournament Facilities Coordinator

We are happy to provide support around:

- Physical access
- Communication needs
- Visual/sensory supports

Code of Consideration

We aim to co-create a welcoming space for everyone. Please:

- Avoid perfumes, colognes, or scented lotions.
- Use quiet voices in sensory or rest areas.
- Respect personal space and mobility devices.
- Ask before touching assistive tools or service animals.

Thank you for helping make this a more inclusive, creative, and respectful experience for all!

Disclaimer: This guide is offered to help attendees know what to expect and prepare for the tournament. While we are not in charge of the building and cannot guarantee it meets specific accessibility laws or standards, we do our best to advocate for access, provide accommodations, and choose venues that are as accessible as possible.

Tournament Images



Image Description: Nicole Meverden, Facilities Coordinator, the main point of contact for any needs on the event day.



Image Description: A smiling volunteer stands at the welcome table



Image Description: A digital sign at the entrance and the exterior of a two-story brick school and a parking lot

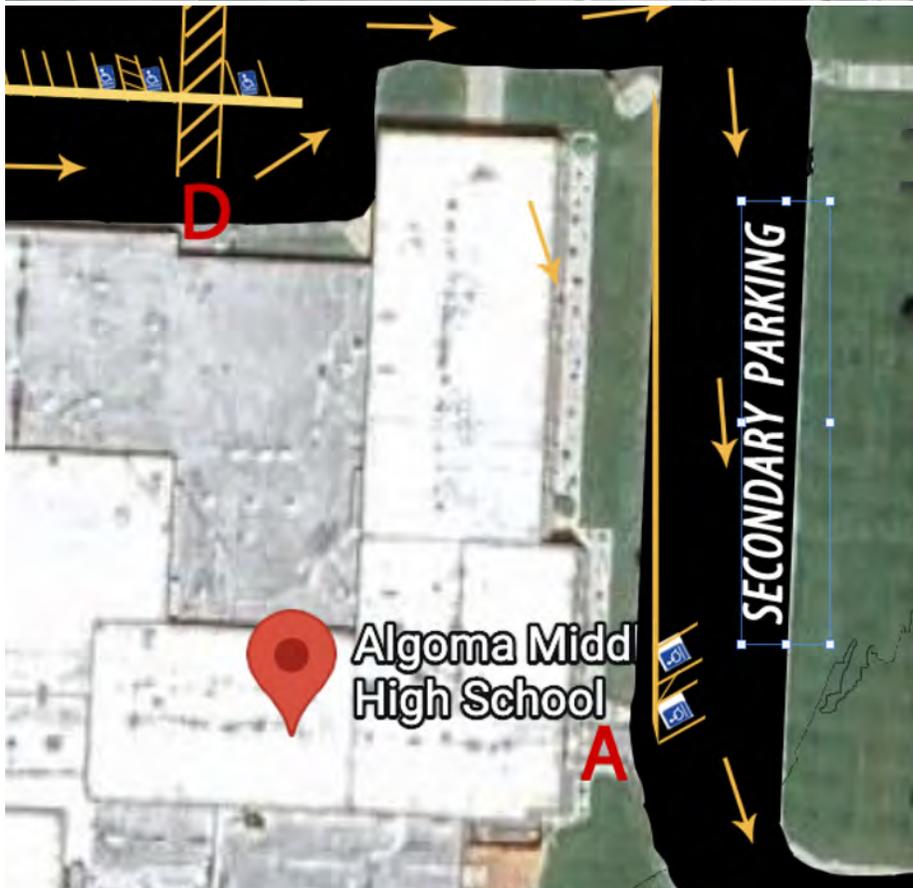
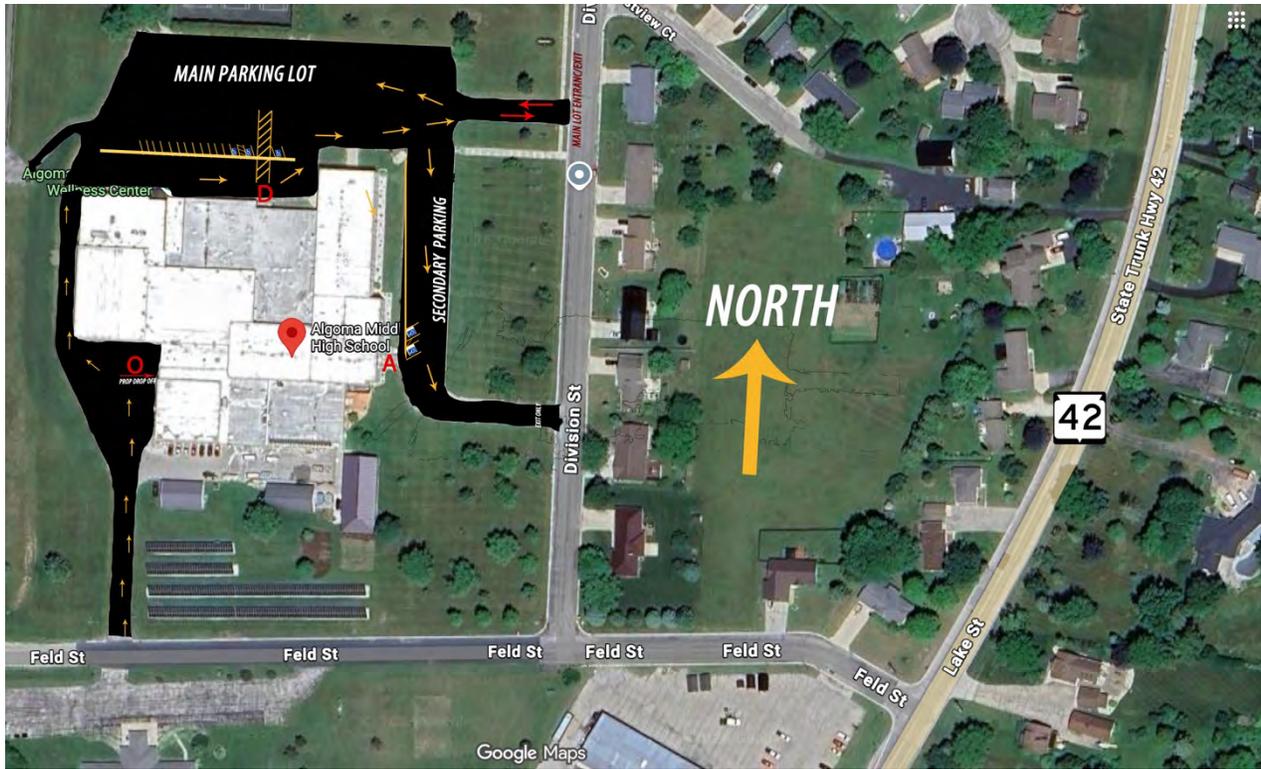


Image Description: Accessible parking is marked on the map with blue wheelchair sign



Image Description: The exterior of a two-story brick school showing accessible parking approximately 25 feet from the spectator entrance.



Image Description: The exterior of a two-story brick school showing accessible parking approximately 25 feet from the alternate spectator entrance.

HIGH SCHOOL SECOND FLOOR PLAN

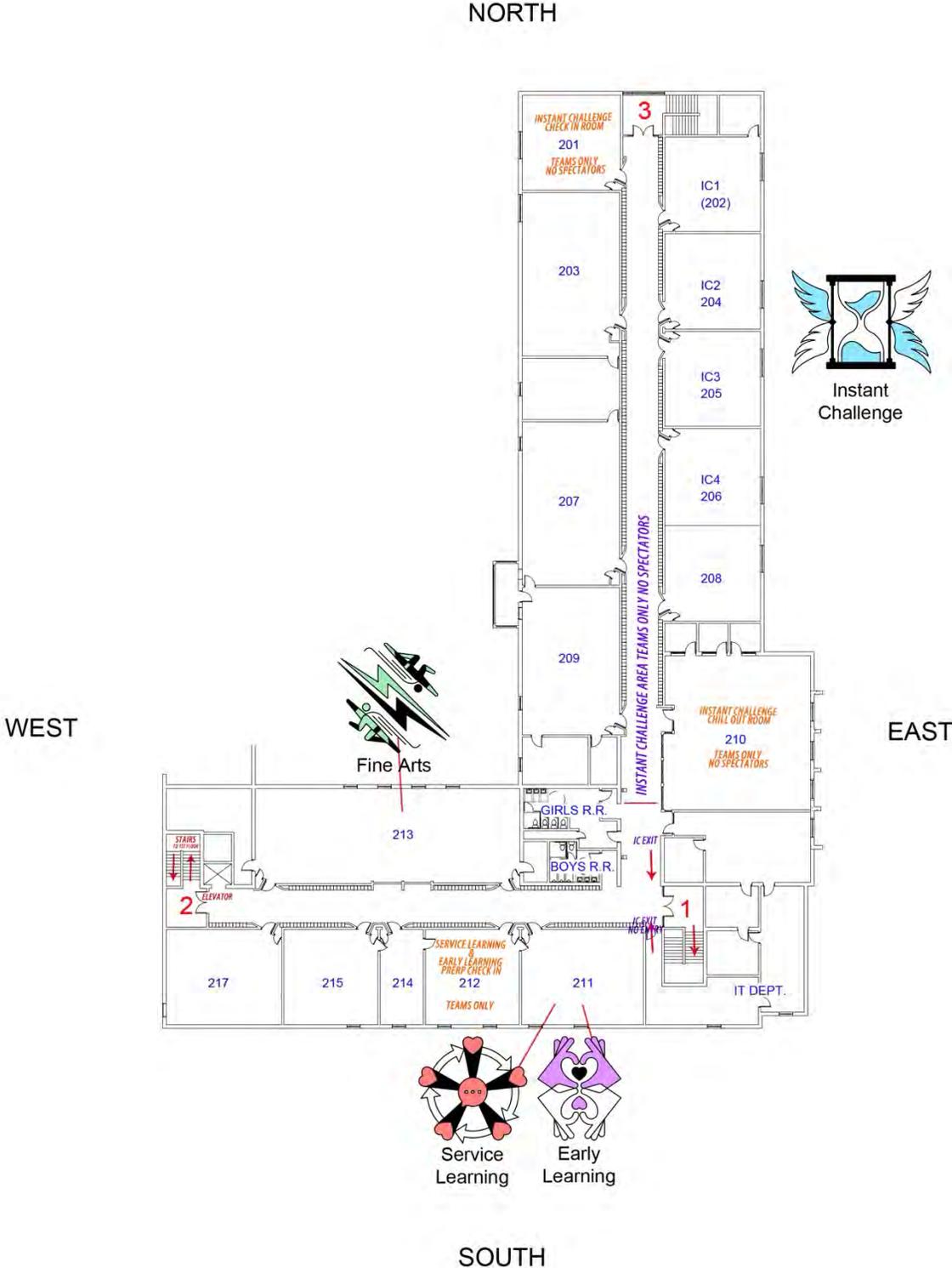


Image Description: Second floor venue layout.



Image Description: Open room with a floor-level presentation area with team members in costume and chairs and bleachers for the audience.



Image Description: Large gymnasium with teams sitting on the floor and audience members sitting in on the bleachers facing the awards presentation area.



Image Description: Volunteers are shown wearing their DI shirts and silly hats.

