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GETTING STARTED IN DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Interested in starting a DI team? Any student from pre-K through university level can take part in DI's Challenge Experience. Teams can form in schools, clubs, community groups, or right at home with friends and family.

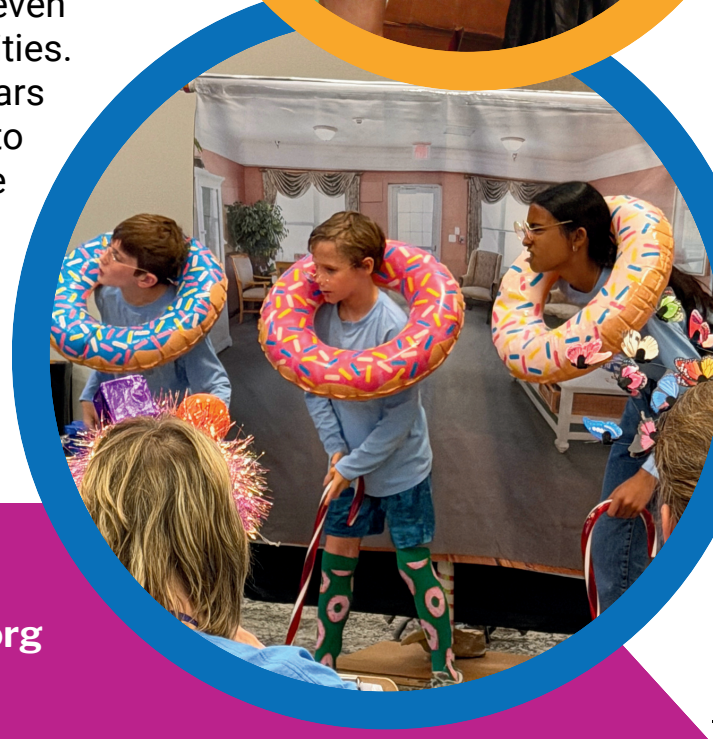
STEP 1

Find an interested group of 2 to 7 students. It works best if students are in the same age range:

- Pre-K - 2nd Grade: Non-Competitive Early Learners
- 3rd-5th Grade: Elementary Level
- 6th-8th Grade: Middle Level
- 9th-12th Grade: Secondary Level

STEP 2

Find an adult to manage the team—or, even better, find two to share the responsibilities. Team Managers must be at least 18 years old and out of high school. Their job is to mentor and coach the team through the creative process—supporting but never solving. DI provides training, resources, and a supportive community to help Team Managers feel confident and prepared.



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STEP 3

Purchase a team number at destinationimagination.org. A team number allows teams to participate in DI tournaments and access challenge descriptions and other DI resources. Beginning July 15, 2026, team numbers will cost \$300/team, which includes a fee paid to Wisconsin Destination Imagination.

STEP 4

To ensure the safety of all participants, each Team Manager must submit to a background check. Background checks may be purchased for \$25 each at destinationimagination.org. Team Managers who have recently been background-checked may be eligible to share their results with DI or apply for a group waiver. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/di-bkgrnd>.

STEP 5

Step Five: The team chooses one of DI's seven challenges and begins meeting to solve it! Teams meet at a time and place that are convenient for the Team Manager(s). Most Wisconsin teams begin meeting sometime in October–December and get together once or twice a week during the season.

STEP 6

The team presents their challenge solution at a Regional Tournament in February or March. To find out which region you're in, and to see the 2027 tournament dates, visit <https://wisconsindi.org/widi-regions/>. The top-placing competitive teams advance to the Wisconsin Affiliate (state) Tournament in the Madison area in early April. The highest-ranking teams from the Affiliate Tournament qualify for DI's Global Finals, which takes place in late May.

**Questions?
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