

# NORTH CAROLINA



Welcome to the North Carolina Destination Imagination Tournament for 2018!

Your team may bring their props to the Prop Storage Area at any time. Prop storage for Change of Tune, Unlikely Attraction, and Friends Everywhere is located in the lobby of the Sink Building, which is outside of the Thomas Auditorium. Prop Storage Maze Craze and Drop Zone is in back hallway of the Conference Center Building. Prop Storage for Inside Impact is in the Killian Building. Our first teams will perform at 9:00. Instant Challenge competition begins at 9:30.

Your team will need to meet with the prep area official twenty minutes before their scheduled performance time. The prep area is right outside each performance room. The prep area official will need 5 copies of pages 1 and 2 of your tournament data forms, one copy of your expense form, and one copy of your Declaration of Independence. You do not need to turn in Page 3 of the Tournament Data Form.

If your team is doing Drop Zone, please note the Structure Check-in Time on the Schedule.

Teams performing in the Conference Hall (Maze Craze and Drop Zone) will perform on a low-nap carpet surface. All other Teams will perform on a wooden-floored stage. Teams must not damage the floor surface. If an Appraiser sees anything happening which could damage flooring, that Team's performance will be stopped immediately.

Adults are allowed to assist teams in moving their props to and from prop storage, into the performance room, and into the Launch Area. They are not, however, allowed to repair props if they are damaged, or do anything else to assist the team. Things like applying make-up, working on props, and dressing in costumes are the job of the team to do without interference from non-team members. Remind any non-team members who are with your group to stay Hands-Off! Parents can help carry things to Prop Storage, but then should leave the area and only Team Members and Team Managers should be in Prop Storage. We hate giving deductions, but if we observe interference, we will be forced to.

Instant Challenge will take place on the second floor of the Technology Building. Your team should check in at the elevators on the first floor 15 minutes before your scheduled Instant Challenge time. Bring one copy of your Declaration of Independence with you. One Team Manager should accompany the team to IC Check-in. It is the team's decision whether that team manager will go into the IC room with them or wait at the Check-in point. Middle and High School teams do not need their manager present at IC Check-in, as long as the Team Manager has signed the Team's Declaration of Independence. It is not required that all Team Members participate in Instant Challenge. No devices such as cell phones or watches are allowed in Instant Challenge. Teams MAY ASK at any time during their Challenge how much time remains. Please read the section in The Rules of the Road about Instant Challenge. You can find it on pages 26-28.

We are expecting three Food Trucks to be outside the Technology Building. For those of you who like to plan ahead, we will have Doc Brown's Barbecue, Grateful Roots, and the Purple People Feeder. You can find information about each of them on Facebook. You may purchase lunch from the Food Trucks or leave campus to venture to one of the fast-food restaurants in the area. You will find a Subway, McDonald's, and Zaxby's all nearby. Check the schedule and find the best

time for your team to run out for a quick lunch or visit one of the food trucks. Or you can send a parent to purchase something and bring it back to campus for a team picnic. The food trucks prepare food as it is ordered, and last year the lines got long, so make sure that you allow plenty of time for lunch. There will also be a Kona Ice Truck at the Tournament. Kona Ice will donate a portion of their sales to NCDI, so please treat yourself and your Team!

There will NOT be snacks and drinks for sale in our Sales area this year. There are water fountains on campus. We suggest that everyone should bring a water bottle.

If you are new to DI, you may be surprised by the amount of “down time” between performances. This time is there to allow the appraisers the time to speak to each team and review what they have done before recording scores. The kids have worked on these challenges for months and it is important for their work to be validated and affirmed by allowing ample time for the appraisers to review it. While an audience member may find this part of the tournament dull, for the teams and the appraisers, it flies by too quickly. So please be patient between performances, and have parents provide some quiet activities or books for their children to occupy them between performances.

Our Sales Area will close at 3:00, so plan to make any purchases there before that time.

At about 4:00, after the Rising Stars teams have performed, everyone should gather in the Conference Hall (Gala Room) for a short awards ceremony. Following this ceremony there will be a meeting of all first place team managers who would like to take their teams to Global Finals. Second Place Team Managers are also invited to attend this meeting (See paragraph below)The location of this meeting will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

Only First Place Teams are automatically advanced to Global Finals. There are no wild card Teams this year. Destination Imagination has chosen to use a lottery system to invite Teams to Global Finals to fill available spots there. If you have a Team that places second AND you would like to take them to Global Finals, you may choose to have us place the in the lottery system. Teams who are selected through this lottery system to attend Global Finals will be notified no later than April 23, 2018. A letter outlining this new lottery system will be given to each Second Place Team at our Tournament.

Blue Ridge Community College has always been very generous with NCDI when it comes to the use of their facilities. Please show respect to the College by helping us leave it in the pristine condition in which we always find it. Following your Team’s performance, please take all props, costumes, team signs and set pieces back to the vehicles that they arrived in. Make sure that none of your team’s props or trash is left behind in the Prop Areas, performance areas, or public areas. **The Awards Ceremony, which is scheduled for 4:00, will not begin until the areas we have used are free of trash and litter.**

When you leave the Tournament, do not let it be the end of your DI journey. Find a way to celebrate your team and congratulate them for the hard work that they have done this year. Have a party with the Team and their parents, or go out to dinner together. Give your team individual awards to highlight their accomplishments during the year, and to also help them remember and smile. Some examples of awards might be for the team member who missed the fewest meetings, or got hurt the most times at meetings, or ate the most pizza, or showed the most patience with their team mates. Be creative, but most of all, be positive and affirmative of your team and their hard work.

Thank you for being a part of North Carolina Destination Imagination. We appreciate each and every one of you who help make Destination Imagination a phenomenal experience for kids!