

## **2020 AFFILIATE TOURNAMENT MARCH 14, 2020**

**HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
1951 Enon Rd  
Valdese, NC 28690

**DOORS OPEN/TEAM CHECK-IN BEGINS: 8:00am**

**NCDI is excited to be at Heritage Middle School for our 2020 Tournament.**

When you arrive, come in the front doors of the school. Each Team needs to have one Team Manager check in for the whole Team. You do not have to have the entire Team with you in order to check in. Individual Team Members do not have to check in with NCDI. They need to follow whatever directions their Team Manager has given them.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PAPERWORK!!!**

**BRING TO THE TOURNAMENT WITH YOU:**

**6 copies of your Team's Tournament Data Forms**

NCDI does not require the last page of your Tournament Data Forms, which contains the Creative Process Breakdown.

**1 copy of your Team's Expense Report**

**2 copies of your Team's Declaration of Independence**

Interactive forms of all of these are available in the DI Resource Area

**Copies of any Team Clarifications issued to your Team**

**(Fine Arts Teams Only: 6 copies of your chosen photograph)**

Once you have checked in, follow signs or directions from Volunteers about unloading and storing props.

Adults are allowed to assist Teams in moving their props to prop storage, into their 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 non-team members who are with your Team to stay Hands Off! **We hate to give deductions, but if we observe Interference we will be forced to.**

**Your Team should be prepared to meet with your Prep Area Appraiser 20 minutes before your scheduled performance time.** Have the 6 copies of your Tournament Data Forms, your Expense Report, and one copy of your Declaration of Independence with you at that time.

**ENGINEERING TEAMS: Report to Structure Check-in with your structure and weights TWO HOURS prior to your Performance Time.** After your check-in, you will be released until time for you to come back to meet with your Prep Area official.

After each Team performs, there is a short period of time for the Appraisers to talk to the team and gather more information about their Challenge solution. Team Managers are to stay in their seats during this time and let the Team do the talking. When this interview time is over, adults can help the Team move their props quickly from the building. **Props should not return to the building or to Prop Storage after the Team's performance,** but should be loaded into the vehicles that will carry them home.

**Instant Challenge Check-in is at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade hall. Teams should report there 15 minutes before their scheduled IC Time. Bring a copy of your Declaration of Independence. No phones, watches, or other timing devices or cameras may come into Instant Challenge.** Teams may ask how much time remains at any time during their Instant Challenge.

Instant Challenge is provided for Rising Stars as well as for competitive Teams, but Rising Stars are not required to participate in IC. If you know that your Rising Stars Team is not going to do Instant Challenge please let us know as soon as possible.

Heritage Middle School has arranged for two local food trucks to be present during lunch times. Upon arrival you will also be given a list of local dining options and you may choose to send an adult to pick up lunch for your Team, or if your schedule allows, you may leave campus for lunch. Of course you are also welcome to bring your lunch. The Cafeteria will be open so there will be plenty of seating. It's always a good idea to pack snacks and water bottles.

If you are new to DI, you might 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 suggest that parents provide some quiet activities or books for their children to occupy them between performances.

**Please remember that for every Team in attendance, making it to the Tournament is a huge accomplishment.** We expect everyone to show respect for every Team. Encourage your Team to watch other Teams perform, and to cheer those Teams on in the same way that they want to be cheered. Supporting each other is the best way to exemplify the Spirit of DI.

**NORTH CAROLINA**



**Only First Place Teams are advanced to Global Finals.**

**At about 3:30, after the last Team has performed and scores have been tabulated, and the building is free of trash, everyone will gather in the Theater for a short awards ceremony.** While the Theater is quite large, we don't expect a lot of extra seats. Please fill all the seats and don't use extra seats for bags, coats, etc.

First and second place Teams from each Challenge and level will be recognized with awards. If your Team does not place first or second, participation medals will be available for you to pick up after the awards ceremony.

Heritage Middle School has been generous to allow us to use their facility for our Tournament. It is important that we show our appreciation by making sure that we leave it as clean as we find it. After your Team has performed, make sure that they have removed everything from the building and cleaned up any mess that they may be responsible for. **The Awards Ceremony will not begin until all areas that we have used are free of trash and litter.**

**Following the Awards Ceremony there will be a short meeting of Team Managers of first place Teams who wish to take their Teams to Global Finals. This meeting will be in the Media Center. Global Finals will return to Kansas City this year, and the dates are May 20-23.**

Every year there are Teams that place first but are unable to attend Global Finals. In the event that this happens, the second place Team is invited to attend. So if your Team does not place first but still hopes to attend Globals, do not throw away your prop pieces. As soon as a Team notifies me that they won't be going to Global Finals I will let the second place Team know.

When you leave our Tournament, do not let this be the end of your Team's DI journey. Find a way to celebrate your Team and congratulate them for the hard work that they have done all 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 help them remember and smile. Some examples of awards might be for the Team Member who missed the fewest meetings, or who got hurt the most at meetings, or who ate the most pizza or showed the most patience with their teammates. Be creative, and 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 you and know that you are the main ingredient in making Destination Imagination a phenomenal experience for kids!**