

cre8iowa Support Newsletter

Training information & support for Iowa's Destination ImagiNation® participants

This is the the text-only version of the online newsletter found at: <http://www.cre8iowa.blogspot.com>. Additional support links, including the Instant Challenge Library, may be accessed from the online newsletter.

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2007-08 Program Season Almost Here!

cre8iowa Support Newsletter launches

The 2007-08 Destination ImagiNation program season is nearly upon us with some exciting new Challenges and additional support to make recruiting and management of your teams easier. You'll want to bookmark this newsletter as your main source of Iowa training and support information. At least one newsletter will be posted each month. Beginning in September, issues will include training activities and new Instant Challenges your team can use. To get you started, however, see the link in the side bar (to the right) for [Instant Challenges](#) practiced at last year's Instant Challenger team workshop.

Links to older Web pages that you may still find helpful are located in the side bar as well. If you join the [Automated Mailing List](#) and click on JOIN THIS GROUP, you will be notified when a new newsletter is released.

New Challenges available soon

Are you anxiously awaiting release of the new Challenges? Folks who purchase a membership from ShopDI only have to wait until midnight on September 1 to download the new Challenges. In the meantime, you'll want to visit the [IDODI](#) Web site for a sneak peek of the line-up:

- Challenge A: Obstacles, Of Course!
- Challenge B: Hit or Myth
- Challenge C: DI've Got a Secret!
- Challenge D: Chorific!
- Challenge E: SWITCH!
- Rising Stars!® Teams: TwisDIId History!

Program materials are enhanced with Guiding Sidebars

This year you'll notice that Guiding Sidebars have been added to the program materials you receive with your membership. The intent of the Guiding Sidebars is to help teams locate important information that will be helpful to them in completing the Team Challenge. Among the Guiding Sidebars are:

- **Updates:** 2007-08 program season updates and changes
- **Great Ideas:** suggestions for teams as they begin to solve their Team Challenge
- **Diagrams/Illustrations/Images/Charts:** a visual perspective about the required elements of the Challenge
- **Supplement Information:** additional resource information
- **Special Definitions:** helps teams define unknown terms that are related to the Challenge

- **Challenge Checkpoints:** a list of checkpoint goals to be met
- **Suggestions/General Information:** essential information that should be read in order to completely understand and develop a Challenge solution
- **General Challenge questions:** asks teams to define the parameters and terminology of the Challenges

Pin & Shirt DIsign Contest

Rules*:

- Open to Iowa students who are participating in Destination ImagiNation during the 2007-08 year.
- Each student or team may submit as many DIsigns as desired.
- Your DIsign(s) must be original.
- Each entry must include "2008" and "cre8iowa" (lowercase letters) in the DIsign.
- Your entry may be created digitally, with colored pencils, or with markers.
- Your entry must arrive by September 30, 2007.
- The winner(s) will receive a free T-shirt and pin including the DIsign(s).

How winner(s) will be selected:

- Entries will be posted online at: www.cre8iowa.org for you to view.
- Students will click on the VOTE HERE link to choose their favorite entry.
- Final selection of winning DIsign(s) from among the top vote receivers will be made by Students for a Creative Iowa. Students for a Creative Iowa may select separate DIsigns for T-Shirts and pins or may select a single DIsign for both.
- DIsign(s) may be modified by Students for a Creative Iowa to fit printing and/or stamping requirements.

How to submit:

By email: Your DIsign size, which must be submitted as a JPEG file, may be no larger than 250 pixels x 250 pixels (under 40 KB). Include the information listed below in the body of your message, attach your DIsign(s) and e-mail it to: judynolan@aol.com

By mail: Your DIsign size may be no larger than 2 inches x 2 inches if submitted by mail. Supply the information listed below, and mail it with your DIsign(s) to: Judy Nolan, 3825 92nd Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322-2187.

Individual entries:

- * Name:
- * Age:
- * Grade:
- * School or Group (if applicable):
- * Street Address + City + Zip Code:
- * Phone Number:

Team entries:

- Team Name:
- Team Manager:
- Team Manager's E-Mail:
- Team Manager's Phone:
- Team Manager's Street Address + City + Zip Code:
- Team Member Names + Ages + Grade:

*All submissions become the property of Students for a Creative Iowa. As a condition for participating in the contest, participants irrevocably assign and transfer all rights, title and interest in and to their submissions, including but not limited to copyrights and all other proprietary rights, to Students for a Creative Iowa. By participating in the contest, participants further agree that additional written authorization, assignment or other documentation requested by Students for a Creative Iowa in connection with the transfer and assignment of rights to their

submissions may be required as a condition of entry and agree to execute any such documents at the request of Students for a Creative Iowa. Students for a Creative Iowa obtains the right, without limitation, to use, edit, and publish, in whole or in part, any and all submissions in any media whatsoever, without time or geographical restrictions, without providing any additional compensation or consideration to participants.

Questions? Contact Judy Nolan at:
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Words from our scholarship recipient

Congratulations to **Erin Peeler** from Indianola, who is the recipient of the 2006-07 cre8iowa Student Scholarship. Erin, who has participated in creative problem-solving for 7 years, hopes to become a veterinarian, but is interested in scientific research as well.

“The greatest thing I have learned from DI,” says Erin, “is an appreciation for creativity and how things work. I now have a great respect for engineers because I know how much planning and hard work go into even the smallest of things.

“I know how easy it is to get an idea and see it clearly in your head, and I know how much harder it is to actually do it. However, anything is possible if you take that extra step and work for it.

“I have learned the importance of planning and organizing. DI has also taught me basic skills such as sewing and tool handling. Working with others has taught me teamwork. I know how to write and perform plays as well as make them up on the spot.

“I see ordinary things in a whole new way and I know how to apply all these skills to make things work and solve problems creatively.”

We wish Erin well as she enters college this fall.

Watch upcoming newsletters for information about the 2007-08 cre8iowa Student Scholarship. At least two scholarships will be offered this year.

Global Finals teams represent Iowa well

“Everyone I talked to had a great time in Tennessee,” reports Jay Swords, Co-Affiliate Director for cre8iowa, as he describes Iowa’s teams that competed at Destination ImagiNation Global Finals this past May at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. “They traded way too many pins, got way too little sleep, and made me very proud to represent Iowa. I got lots of comments from other Affiliate Directors and people I didn’t even know about what good KIDS had come from Iowa. So, to all the teams that competed, way to go!”

Global Finals results appear below.

Challenge A: Direct Flight

Elem. Meeker PTO, Ames, 26th
 Mid. Harlan Community Cyclones, Harlan, 21st
 Sec. Harlan Community Cyclones, Harlan, 29th

Challenge B: CSI DI

Elem. Bishop Hayes Catholic School, Muscatine, 30th
 Mid. Maharishi School Pink, Fairfield, 8th
 Sec. Maharishi School Gold, Fairfield, 1st (also received a Renaissance award)

Challenge C: Round About Courage

Elem. Maharishi School Silver, Fairfield, 37th
 Mid. Maharishi School Silver, Fairfield, 21st
 Sec. Maharishi School Gold, Fairfield, 13th

Challenge D: Switching Traditions

Elem. Centerville TAG Program, Centerville, 45th
 Mid. Grinnell Middle School, Grinnell, 29th
 Sec. Maharishi School Gold, Fairfield, 13th

Challenge E: Card-DI-ology

Elem. Glenwood Community Schools,
Glenwood, 39th
Mid. Maharishi School Silver, Fairfield, 15th
Sec. Maharishi School Gold, Fairfield, 28th

Four DI™ teams are selected for Ideal Object Workshop

Congratulations to four central Iowa Destination ImagiNation teams that were selected this summer to participate in the Ideal Object Workshop, an educational workshop designed specifically for Students for a Creative Iowa. Inspired by the Des Moines Art Center's exhibition TOM SACHS: LOGJAM, the Art Center partnered with the Iowa Architectural Foundation to produce this one-of-a-kind learning opportunity. Students created "Ideal Objects" that were unveiled at the Des Moines Art Center on August 12, and will continue to be on display in the Adrienne and Charles Herbert Galleries through most of September. Teams included "Cakewaves" (West Des Moines), Ames Middle School (Ames), "That Team From Grinnell" (Grinnell), and Ames High School (Ames).

Four teams participated in three workshops as they explored the definition of art, learned how art, architecture and everyday objects can be combined, and were challenged to create "Ideal Objects" matching the spirit of artist Tom Sachs' exhibition. Students worked as both designer/contractors and clients, creating objects designed to make their lives easier within the kitchen, bathroom, garage and bedroom. Each team built an object for a room in a house that addressed three requests of a client (which just happened to be another team in the workshop!). Students were provided with ample funds and the guidance of an architect and a contractor to help them work toward their Ideal Objects.

Designing the X-treme Clean Machine 2000 for its client, Ames Middle School, "Cakewaves"

created an Ideal Object for the kitchen that has the ability to clean, play music and store items. Team members include **Virginia Bantz, Alex Newman, Kellen Schneider, Alyssa Soto,** and **William Thomas**. "Cakewaves" is managed by Joe Bantz. Assisting the team were Lea McRoberts, an architect at Durrant, and Eric Ales, a contractor at Graham Construction.

Producing a unique bathroom chair for grooming and grooving for its client, "That Team From Grinnell," Ames Middle School created an Ideal Object that can dry, weigh, play music and includes distinct priming areas for boys and girls. Team members include **Emily Brehm-Stecher, James Honzatko, Leigh Ann Honzatko,** and **Olivia Oliver**. The Ames Middle School team is managed by Bruce and Sara Antion. Assisting the team were Mark Steenhoek, an architect at SVPA Architects, and DJ Opdahl, a contractor at Regency Commercial Services.

Crafting a workbench for the garage with a ping-pong ball warning system for its client, Ames High School, was "That Team From Grinnell." Their Ideal Object incorporates a workbench with built-in tools, has additional areas for tool storage, and has a means for stopping a car. Team members include **Emma Andelson, Alec Barnum, Ben Cunningham, Madi Gause, Andy Plate, Jorie Walters,** and **John Stark**. "That Team From Grinnell" is managed by Cathy Sonnichsen. Assisting the team were Michelle Sacco, an architect for Wetherell Ericsson Architecture, and Angela Kelly, a contractor for Neumann Brothers, Inc.

Ames High School team members built a multi-use station for the bedroom for its client, "Cakewaves," that has the ability to store items, help the client fall asleep and includes a homework station. Team members are **Rex Fernando, James Honzatko, Sam Hapke, Kristina Johnson,** and **Charles Warwick**. The team is managed by Bruce and Sara Antion.

Assisting the team were Melody Swanson, an architect at JMA Studio, and B.J. Frideres, a contractor at The Weitz Company.

While the links remain active, you can visit the Des Moines Register to read "[Kids weigh in on problem-solving skills project](#)" and look at the "[Ideal Object Art](#)" in the Register Staff Galleries.

Congratulations to these students, who exceeded expectations!

Highlights of next issue

- How to purchase a membership
- What your membership includes
- Optional materials to purchase
- Iowa program calendar
- Training workshops