

How to Find Appraisers

Appraising is the #1 way in which most Destination ImagiNation® volunteers get involved in the program. Besides being incredibly fun, it provides the individual with a specific way to make a positive impact on the life of a young person. Appraisers set the tone of a student's Tournament experience with their smiles and attitudes. Their primary responsibility is to find ways in which to award PRAISE points [think "a-PRAIS(e)-ser"]. Importantly, any adult who enjoys young people and can donate three Saturdays of his or her time can participate.

The time commitment for an Appraiser is one Saturday for training, one Saturday for a Regional or sub-state Tournament, and one Saturday for the state Tournament (if the team advances).

Specific Appraiser participation dates are found on our Web site here:

<http://www.cre8iowa.org/2010-2011-season/2010-2011-calendar/>

If you think you would like to volunteer as an Appraiser, contact Keith Kutz at **only_kman@yahoo.com**.

Team Managers or Coordinators can find Appraisers in the following dozen ways:

1. Ask a Team Parent to volunteer.
2. Contact a co-worker.
3. Talk to a neighbor.
4. Ask a grandparent.
5. Visit with a teacher.
6. Contact a PTO or PTA president (or other parent teacher organization).
7. Visit with the administrator of a senior activity center or senior residential community, introduce the DI program and explain how it benefits students. Then ask for a volunteer.
8. Contact a local community group, such as your local Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions and/or Lioness Club, American Legion or VFW post, Boys Club or Girls Club.
9. Contact the local high school, and ask if there are students 18 years or older who would like to volunteer. Every high school has service learning clubs, as well as a student council that gets involved in community projects.
10. Contact a local college or university activities coordinator, and ask for the names of student groups that might be interested in supplying help. Consider fraternities and sororities, which often are involved in service opportunities.
11. Contact your church and ask for volunteers. Not sure who to contact? Start with the pastor or youth group coordinator.
12. Contact Americorps, which specializes in offering opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups.