

# My student wants to participate in Iowa's Destination ImagiNation® program. What's my next step?

- ① For general program information about how to START A TEAM, visit [www.IDODI.org](http://www.IDODI.org).
- ② Download START A TEAM materials from [www.cre8iowa.org](http://www.cre8iowa.org) under the START A TEAM menu.
- ③ Recruit team members, Team Manager(s) and Appraiser.
- ④ Purchase Team Pak.
- ⑤ Download program materials (available September 1).
- ⑥ Take advantage of training opportunities.
- ⑦ Register for your Iowa Membership.

## Details:

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2. Visit [cre8iowa's](http://www.cre8iowa.org) Web site at <http://www.cre8iowa.org> and download the documents under the START A TEAM menu so that you can hold an information meeting for interested families. Contact Judy Nolan (Co-Affiliate Training Director), [judynolan@aol.com](mailto:judynolan@aol.com), 515-270-4514, with any questions you may have.
3. Recruit participants, which include the student team, the Team Manager(s) and a volunteer Appraiser.

## Students:

- Two to seven students comprise a competitive team.
- Teams whose students are ages 4-7 are noncompetitive and not limited to 7 participants. These teams are called Rising Stars!®. They may choose to (a) participate at the Sub-State Tournament, where they are not scored, or (b) produce their own showcase locally.
- Teams whose students are in grades 2-5 are Elementary Level.
- Teams whose students are in grades 6-8 are Middle Level.
- Teams whose students are in grades 9-12 are Secondary Level.
- University Level teams may include full-time students from a college, university, trade school, technical school or the military, as well as high school seniors. Team members may be from different locations (college, technical school, military, etc.), but must select one Affiliate (Iowa) when they register. Contact Judy Nolan, Co-Affiliate Training Director, at [judynolan@aol.com](mailto:judynolan@aol.com) for more information.

Note: Students from combined levels may be on the same team, but must participate at the level of the oldest student. It is the intent of the program to group students according to their level.

## Team Manager(s):

- Team Managers must be 18 years or older, and may not be a member of the student team.

## Appraiser:

- All competitive teams must supply a volunteer Appraiser who must attend one full day of training on one of three Saturdays in February (Appraiser's choice of dates), must participate at the Sub-State Tournament, and must also serve at the State Tournament. All Iowa Tournaments take place on a Saturday.
- Rising Stars!® teams, if they participate in the Sub-State Tournament, must supply a Volunteer who will serve a 3 to 4 hour shift in a non-scoring role at that Tournament.

4. Purchase a Team Pak from Destination ImagiNation® Headquarters in Cherry Hill, New Jersey: <http://www.ShopDI.org>
  - You may wish to split the cost of this Team Pak with other families. A 1-Team Pak costs \$135, which breaks down as follows for the most common number of participants per team:  
  
4 team members = \$33.75 per person  
5 team members = \$27.00 per person  
6 team members = \$22.50 per person  
7 team members = \$19.29 per person
  - Many teams approach a local business or community group for sponsorship.
5. What do I get for my Team Pak?
  - Once you have purchased your Team Pak, you are granted access to the

official program materials. You will also be mailed one printed set of materials per team and one CD-ROM. For quicker access, visit <http://www.IDODI.org> and click on Resources Area after September 1 to download these materials:

- ✓ *Quick Start*
- ✓ *Roadmap*
- ✓ *Team Challenges*
- ✓ *Rules of the Road*
- ✓ Additional Team Manager Resources on <http://www.IDODI.org> (see Resource Area tab)

6. Get in touch with Iowa's Co-Affiliate Training Director, Judy Nolan, to learn about training tips and opportunities: [judynolan@aol.com](mailto:judynolan@aol.com), 515-270-4514. She will add you to the cre8iowa Mailing List. ("cre8iowa" is an abbreviation for Students for a Creative Iowa, the organization that facilitates Destination ImagiNation Iowa.)

- Watch for a Basic Training Podcast for Team Managers & Coordinators in October. (Fee is included in your Iowa membership.)
- An Advanced Training Workshop for Team Managers & Coordinators will be held in early December in Ames. (Fee is included in your Iowa membership.)
- An Instant Challenger team workshop is held in January. Preregistration and prepayment of \$20 per team are required.
- There is required training for all Appraisers on one of 3 different Saturdays in February. (Fee is included in your Iowa membership.)
- Subscribe to the cre8iowa Support Blog by visiting <http://www.cre8iowa.org>. Complete the "Follow Us" form in the side bar, and every time there is a new post, it will arrive in your e-mail box.

7. Pay your Iowa Membership fee. Registration forms are available online (usually in October).

- Registration forms can be downloaded from the state Web site in October: <http://www.cre8iowa.org>
- The cost per competitive team is \$65, or \$45 per Rising Stars!® team. Typical cost breakdown for a team of 4-7 competitive participants is as follows:

4 team members = \$16.25 per person  
5 team members = \$13.00 per person

6 team members = \$10.83 per person  
7 team members = \$9.29 per person

- What do I get for my Iowa Membership fee?
  - ✓ Basic Training Podcast for Team Managers & Coordinators
  - ✓ Advanced Training Workshop for Team Managers & Coordinators
  - ✓ Appraiser Training
  - ✓ Participation at all Iowa Tournaments, both at the Sub-State level and at the Affiliate (state) level.
  - ✓ Year-long training support. Make sure you subscribe to the cre8iowa Support Blog and get in contact with the Co-Affiliate Training Director (see Step #5).
  - ✓ Practice *Instant Challenges*. Visit cre8iowa's Instant Challenge Library to download free practice problems you can use during team meetings: <http://www.cre8iowa.org/team-support/cre8iowa-document-library/>
  - ✓ Qualify for scholarship opportunities. Cre8iowa offers two \$500 college scholarships to graduating high school students.
  - ✓ Qualify for special team opportunities as they become available. For example, a pin-and-shirt design contest is held during the fall from which the state design is chosen. These events are announced on the support blog, <http://www.cre8iowa.org>.
- How does my Appraiser register for training?
  - ✓ When you pay your Iowa Membership fee, you will need to supply contact information for your Appraiser on the registration form. You will also have to complete a form for your Appraiser, and give 2 copies to him/her to take to Appraiser training. The registration form supplies further details.
  - ✓ No special training is required for Volunteers representing Rising Stars®! teams. You will have to mail in contact information for your volunteer, which enables us to contact your volunteer with further information.