

Coordinator Tips

You are a Destination Imagination Coordinator, now what do you do?

1. Determine interest by sending home information and a sign up form. Info at www.idodi.org/ (click on Quick links/ Start a Team) Include the challenge synopsis for students to choose from. Have students include their preference on the sign up form.
2. Purchase a 1 team pack or 5 team pack for your school depending on interest. There can be up to 7 members on each team. Your team pack includes Rising Stars (K-2), Elementary (3-5), Middle (6-8), and Secondary (9-12). Check with your school division on funding practices for DI.
3. Have a kick off meeting in late September or early October to begin organizing your teams and recruit a manager if there are no volunteers. **Remind parents there can be no teams without parent help.** The Intro to DI video or powerpoint will be helpful. You can include an instant challenge practice for the students while the parents are watching the video/powerpoint. At the end the students can present their solution. Parent love this!! Get them hooked! Instant Challenge ideas can be found on the DI website or www.angelfire.com/wi/thinkingcaps/Aframe.html
4. Managers need training. At your kickoff meeting hand each volunteer manager a regional team manager training form. The training session is held each November. Encourage them to attend especially if they are new to DI. Experienced team managers can begin working with teams as soon as you have your membership materials.
5. Monitor teams and contact your regional representative if you have further questions. Check contact information tab to find your representative.