**Regional Tournament Guide**

**Nebraska DI - 25 years of the Destination Imagination Program and**

 **41 years of Creative Problem Solving!**

**Regional Tournaments**

**Muddy Waters – February 24th, 2024**

Columbus Middle School

2200 26th Street

Columbus, NE 68601

**Sandhills – March 2nd , 2024**

Bayard Public Schools

726 4th Ave

Bayard, NE 69334

**Team Managers: Please read through this in its entirety. There are new items that pertain to all.**

*Due to the number of Destination Imagination teams in Nebraska this competition year, ALL teams will advance to Affiliate Finals at UNK on April 6, 2024. We are excited to host Regional and Affiliate Finals this year and look forward to an amazing time for our creative students!!*

**Before the Tournament**

Step 1 – Review the Schedule

Please review the schedule and check for the following:

 --that your team name and number are correct

 --that your challenge placement and level is correct

 --that there is no conflict with your Team Challenge and Instant Challenge times.

Notify the Tournament Director IMMEDIATELY should you notice an irregularity on the schedule. Any team that does not arrive at the competition site before its scheduled time may not get a chance to compete in the event. The Challenge Master at each competition site will determine if a late-arriving team has time to complete the event.

Step 2 – Know these Procedures

 **TEAM** CHALLENGE: Each team should report to the competition site ready to perform **20 minutes** prior to its scheduled performance time. **Engineering: Going the Distance** teams should report to their site 30 minutes prior to your team’s Presentation time.

 **INSTANT CHALLENGE:** Each team should report to the competition site ready to perform **15 minutes** prior to the team's scheduled competition times.

Step 3 – Information for all Teams

**Regional Tournament Schedule: All Regional Competition Schedules will be posted 2 weeks prior to the tournament. Muddy Waters on Feb 10, 2024 and Sandhills on February 17, 2024.**

**Teams should be sportsmanlike in their demeanor throughout the tournament.** Penalties can and will be given for language and behavior that is rude, discourteous, or not in the spirit of competition. **Team Managers and parents are responsible for their team the entire day, including any activities planned as time fillers between their competition and the Awards ceremony.**

**RED TIES:**  If you are an alumnus of DI, and are either a Team Manager or Appraiser, please wear your Red Tie. If you have not been given one by NEDI at a prior Tournament, please identify yourself as such at Registration.  You will be given a red tie to wear with pride.   We would love to recognize you!

**At the Regional Tournament Site**

Step 1 - Registration

The Team Manager of Record must check in at the Souvenir Table and highlight your team once your team has arrived. Team Managers will be given a special lanyard to wear. Please bring this to Affiliate Finals as your form of identification. If you are an alum, please wear your red tie as well!

Step 2 – Appraiser

Each team must also provide a **trained** Appraiser as per Team Rule requirements to help with the tournament. Each team must have its OWN Appraiser. One Appraiser cannot be used for more than one team. If your trained Appraiser does not report, your team may be assessed a 50 point score deduction.

Step 3 – Acclimate your team

Find the following: performance site, unloading zone, restrooms, cafeteria, souvenir stand, basket raffle table, and a good place to make a team camp. **There is NO admission charge. Parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and anyone else are invited to come and enjoy a day of fun and creativity.**

Step 4 – Visit the Souvenir Stand

**Pins:** This year challenge pins will be available along with the state pin as a complete set. The theme for Nebraska in Destination Imagination revolves around ***Get On Board!*** *Wear these with pride!*

**Items:** The state board will offer other exciting souvenir items and fun collectables. Again, selection and number are limited, so shop early. There will also be a selection of vintage DI Global Finals Collector Pins and T-shirts, including foreign pins and Shirts. All major credit cards and VENMO are accepted.

**Basket Raffle:** If your team has brought a container for the raffle, please drop it off at the Souvenir Stand.

**Awards**

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each challenge and level. In addition, three additional awards COULD be given. They are:

1. **DaVinci Award:** Given to reward a unique approach to a solution, risk taking, or outstanding creativity (not skill or talent). For this award solutions need not be successful to be received.

**2. Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award (Spirit of DI Award):** Given to recognize those who act as a superior role model in the area of spirit, sportsmanship, and volunteerism.

1. **Renaissance Award:** Given for outstanding design, engineering, execution or performance.

**Team managers and Parents must supervise their teams all day. Teams are responsible for policing all areas in which the team and the parents are.**

**All Teams will Advance to Affiliate Finals**

**Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at UNK in Kearney, NE**

**Each team advancing to the Affiliate Finals MUST be represented in Kearney by an Appraiser trained during this competition season. The Appraiser must have appraised at their Regional Competition.**

**Affiliate Finals Schedule:** The Affiliate Finals Schedule will be **posted on March 17th.**

Please review carefully for any issues!

**Muddy Waters Regional INSTRUCTIONS**

**Muddy Waters Competition Date: February 24th, 2024.** There is NO snow date.

If the weather is bad, check our Facebook page.

**Competition Site:** Columbus Middle School, 2200 26th St, Columbus, NE

**APPRAISERS**: parking will be in the SOUTHEAST lot off of 26th St. Enter through the EAST doors off the southeast parking lot through the volunteer entrance Appraisers will check in at their challenge site for training and instructions. Please check with their challenge master as to what time to meet at their challenge site. A Hospitality room is provided for Appraisers just inside the volunteer entrance.

**TEAMS:** PARKING for teams and spectators will be in the NORTHEAST parking lot located off 28th St. TEAMS will enter through the EAST ACTIVITY DOOR entrance. PROPS will be unloaded at the same entrance and may be stored in the small gym located to the right of the activity entrance. Teams and spectators may hang out in the PROP STORAGE GYM or in the Commons next to the Souvenirs. Please make sure all your paperwork has been submitted online prior to the tournament. Maps of the site and a schedule of the day will be available via a QR code that will be located at the Souvenir stand and at various locations throughout the building. Please let your parents and fans know which challenge their student is in so we can help them if they ask.

**SOUVENIRS/ BASKET RAFFLE / T SHIRTS** will be located in the commons. BASKET RAFFLE baskets can be brought to the Souvenir table. **JOIN THE FUN!** Each team can bring a basket or container of their choosing with fun items, snack foods, or a fun theme of items. **BE CREATIVE!** Raffle tickets will be sold at the Souvenir table and the winners will be drawn at the Awards Ceremony. Grab your State T-Shirts and Pin sets here!

**CONESSIONS:** Concessions will be located just off the Activity entrance to the left. **PHOTO BOOTH**: Get your team together and make your memories at our photobooth! **AWARDS** will be held around 3:00 p.m in the school auditorium preceded by the Basket Raffle drawing and an exciting Trivia Game called KAHOOT! You don’t want to miss it!

**Emergency Phone number for the day is Connie Powell (402) 366-4850 Co - Tournament Director.**

**SANDHILLS INSTRUCTIONS**

**Sandhills Competition Date: Saturday, March 2nd, 2024. Snow adjustment is late start.**

**Competition site: All times are Mountain Time. PLEASE note the time change.**

Bayard School, 726 4th Avenue, Bayard, NE

**Directions:**

**Appraisers** will check-in by**9:15 am (MST) in the Gym 1.**  Final training and instructions will be given..

**Team registration** will just be a**table in the Gym 1**. Team Managers will pick up their ID lanyards and check their Team off the list.

**Team Registration**will be located in Gym 1. (see Team Registration)

**Teams** are to report to their competition sites **20 minutes prior to their scheduled time**.

The **Awards Ceremony** will be held around **1:45 p.m. in the Auditorium**.

**Emergency** phone number for the day:

**Concessions** will be available for the day

**Souvenirs** will be available in the hallway at the entrance to the Auditorium or directly across from the Concession Stand.

**Basket Raffles (next to Souvenirs)**will be available, teams and/or any supporters are encouraged to bring a Basket.

**Team managers and Parents must supervise their teams all day.  Teams are responsible for policing all areas in which the team and the parents are.**

**Basket Raffle**

**Celebrating 25 years of Destination Imagination®**

**in Nebraska!**

**And 41 years of Creative Problem Solving in Nebraska!**

**We will be holding a Basket Raffle at our Regional and Affiliate Finals Tournaments.**

Let's get creative & have fun! Here’s how:

***1. Fill a PLASTIC container or Basket (any size or shape) with any***

***item(s) of your choice.***

How about 25 of something?

 An Instant Challenge – what can you make out of 25 \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Snacks that would help a team get pumped for competition

 Pins from previous years

 Energy drinks

 A first aid kit

 Popcorn and a movie

 Anything else that sounds fun!

***2. Decorate the outside of the container***

***3. Bring it to the tournament sales area.***

***Tickets will be sold for 50 cents each.***

The proceeds will go to benefit DI in Nebraska.

***Drawings will be held just before the awards ceremony.***

Please fill out the following form and attach it to your basket. Each basket will be sold through raffle, and the drawings will be held before the Awards Ceremony. Have fun putting together a basket that represents YOUR TEAM!

This basket donated by:

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Team Number: 129- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Level: EL ML SL UL

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Quick Check List

**Please bring the following:**

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ All team members

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Your basket for raffle

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Your enthusiasm

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Your patience

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Something that gets your team pumped for competition

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Something for your team to do while they have ‘down time’

2024-2025 Pin and T-shirt Design Contest

Send your designs to Donna Robinson, at nediengineering@gmail.com

 or

bring them to Affiliate Finals.

The entry deadline is July 1st, 2024