## DESTINATION IMAGINATION.

# MARYLAND

### What is DI ...

FOCUS If your child is a STEAM-enthusiast, budding artist or storyteller, passionate community activist, or loves to learn and explore new ideas, DI can nurture that curiosity and use it to build lifelong skills for success! Destination Imagination is an afterschool educational nonprofit that prepares children for a future that is rapidly evolving. Students acquire and practice the skills needed to thrive in school, future careers, and beyond.

PROCESS Teams of 2-7 kids work together to solve one of seven different STEAM-based Challenges from fall until March. They also develop their Instant Challenge skills. In late February or early March, the team presents their solution to the Challenge and completes an Instant Challenge at a regional tournament.

HOW MD DI provides many different types of support to anyone who wishes to run a DI team. We offer virtual and in-person presentations, professional development, training, and 1-on-1 support.

### How to Get Started ...

Where to Begin

#### Forming a Team

Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improv, Engineering, Service Learning, Early Learning If your child goes to school, check with the school to see if they already have a DI program in place, and if so, ask for the coordinator's contact information. You also can contact your Regional Director to see if there are local funds available. If not, that's okay -- you can start a program at the school or have an independent team!

Each team needs one adult to serve as the manager.

If you are willing to serve as the team manager, we suggest finding another parent who will be your co-manager. Someone else who has a child who is interested in being on your team is the best option.

Teams generally meet once a week either at the school, in a community space, or at a parent's home. Most meetings run 60-90 minutes.

Finding kids who want to participate is rarely an issue. Start by asking your child if any friends might be interested.

#### Contact us today at Info@MarylandDI.org for your next steps!



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