

## Hello Rising Star Team Managers!

It's almost Tournament Time!!! For many of you this is a brand new experience – this will be a wonderfully fun day for your team, but please read all the information below so you will be prepared on Tournament Day!

### **A SPECIAL PLEA:**

We are ASKING for our teams, parents, and everyone who is attending to please try and consolidate as much as possible. Carpool. We know that's not always possible, but if it is, you'll be helping all of us out very much. We hate for teams to be late or stressed because they can't find a parking spot!

### **LOCATION AND CHECK-IN**

(look for the LIME GREEN signs that say "Rising Stars" or "Friends Everywhere")

Our tournament is being held Saturday, February 17, 2015 at Centennial High School, [6901 Coit Road, Frisco, Texas 75035](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Centennial+High+School,+6901+Coit+Road,+Frisco,+TX+75035/@33.151444,-96.731111,17z). **PLEASE CHECK IN 45 minutes before your first scheduled event (Team Challenge or Instant Challenge).**

The closest entrance to the Rising Star check-in area will be the east entrance of the building. You may enter either the east or west entrance, but please make your way to the Rising Star area for check-in. If you have Instant Challenge first, you still need to check in at the Rising Star area before going to Instant Challenge. (They are in two different areas in the building.)

As you enter the parking lot, look for the special RISING STARS signs that will lead you to our parking and entrance. Using this entrance will allow your team to get their props, backdrops and costumes more easily into the building.

**WE HAVE A SEPARATE RISING STARS CHECK-IN AREA.** You will need to check in 45 MINUTES before your performance. If there is a no-show, you may be moved up a slot. Please let your friends and family who are attending this performance know this as well.

**PARKING CAN BE CHALLENGING** – especially if you arrive in the middle of the day!!! Please let your parents know that it can take up to 30 minutes to park during busy times.

Space is limited at this location! We will not have the "common" waiting areas like we had last year. If your team needs to take a break, there will be refreshments and a Dime store as well as other challenges to go watch!

### **SCHEDULE & AWARDS:**

To make things easier this year, since our space is limited, we have divided our day into THREE PARTS. There will be THREE AWARDS ceremonies - at 11:00, 1:00 AND 4:00.

Your team will attend the next ceremony after it has completed its Team Challenge performance and Instant Challenge.

### **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

Right now, all the Rising Star rooms have a letter assigned to them (T, X, D or I). Prep and performance rooms will all be labeled with a "country" (to fit our challenge!) When you get to Rising Star Check-in, you will learn what "country" label your room is.

You can see when your team will be performing their Team Challenge and Instant Challenge here:

<http://www.nextregiondi.com/2018-tournament-schedule>

## **INSTANT CHALLENGE FOR RISING STARS (look for purple!):**

Follow the Purple signs and arrows for the Instant Challenge section (upstairs). Arrive 15 minutes before your IC scheduled time. Only one Team Manager and the team members are allowed back in the Instant Challenge performance area.

## **AWARDS CEREMONY:**

Please read this carefully.

“Morning Teams” have awards ceremony at either 11:00 am or 1 pm in the Centennial High School Gym (please see map).

“Afternoon Teams” have an awards ceremony at 4:00 pm in the gym in the Centennial High School Gym (please see map).

You will head to the NEXT awards ceremony after you have completed BOTH your Instant Challenge AND Team Challenge Performance.

You will receive your paperwork, feedback and appraiser comments at the Rising Star Award Ceremony!

We ask that teams start making their way into the Awards ceremony 10 minutes early.

Please join us at the awards ceremony! It’s the best part of the day! There is a DJ, a little movement and dancing and a lot of fun! Each team will be called up and recognized individually! It is a fun end to a GREAT season!

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please do not leave the Awards Ceremonies until all the teams have been recognized! This results in chaos, noise and is not respectful to the other teams who have been patiently waiting to receive their recognition!

## **FORMS:**

IMPORTANT: There are NO copy machines available to use at the tournament site! The nearest copy machine is several miles away at FedEx/Kinko’s near Custer and 121.

All Rising Star teams need to bring to Tournament:

- o 5 Starry Showcase Form (found in in the back of your CHANGE IN DIRECTION Challenge)
- o 2 copies of The Declaration of Independence
- o 2 copies of The Team Photo form
- o 2 copies for each Team Member and Team Manager: Media and Medical Release Forms

All forms can be found at <http://www.nextregiondi.com/tournament/>.

## **FOOD / CONCESSIONS / STUFF TO BUY / FUN:**

There will be food and drinks sold at the Tournament. Please eat or drink in the cafeteria – the hallways aren’t for snacks!

At Tournament, there will be a Dime store selling fun things for the kids – lots of light up hats and shirts and pins and other things! We also will be selling 2018 DI NExT Region shirts and pins and 2018 DI challenge pins!

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

- Please do not use materials that will damage the floors. Anything your team spills or uses for the performance that is messy, must be taken out or cleaned up by your team.
- The performance rooms for Rising Stars will hold about 20 extra people. Please be courteous and let other families watch their teams when they are performing. If you want to view some other challenges – try one of the competitive challenges!
- Maps and Tournament Programs will be available at the Registration Tables.
- A medical nurse will be available for minor medical emergencies
- All props, sets, material, etc. must be taken home with you. No disposal of these items or TRASH on site.
- Lost and Found: Can be found at the Registration Desk.

## ONE LAST NOTE:

This year, you've had a taste of what Destination Imagination is. If you really want to see DI in action, please take your teams and visit some of the competitive challenges.

Let your team get a taste of the future by seeing older kids compete. Last year, we heard from a lot of Rising Star parents that they weren't sure they were allowed to go watch. Except for Instant Challenges, everything is open for public viewing! And our teams would LOVE an audience!

We hope you'll have fun on Tournament Day and if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!! See you February 17!

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