

2008 Mid-Cities DestiNation ImagiNation Regional Tournament

The tournament is being held at Heritage Middle School and Heritage Elementary School in Colleyville. Thanks to GCISD for bailing us out of a real problem. Remember, we are guests at these schools. Please properly dispose of all food and trash items.

- **Heritage Middle School:** Registration, DIme Store, Photographer, Obstacles, DI've Got a Secret, Chorific, Switch
- **Heritage Elementary School:** TwisDIId History, Hit or Myth, Instant Challenge
- **Colleyville Heritage High School:** Award Ceremony

Parking: Parking at the Middle and Elementary School is very limited. Parents and other team supporters need to park at Colleyville Heritage High School. If you bring a trailer for props, please unload at the schools and then park the vehicle with the trailer at the High school. Trailers take up too much room in the parking lot. DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANES. The Colleyville PD patrols these campuses and will ticket you.

Tournament Registration: When you arrive at the tournament you need to check in at the Registration desk. The Registration area is at Heritage Middle School near the front entrance. . If you enter through the main entrance off of Heritage Avenue and turn left you will find registration. Registration will open at 7:30 am and close at 1:00.

Schedule: Double check your team's Team Challenge and Instant Challenge times when you arrive. Teams should check with the Prep Area appraiser about 30 minutes before their teams scheduled Team Challenge. Check in for Instant Challenge 15 minutes before your teams scheduled time. Remember, if the team elects, one team manager may accompany the team into Instant Challenge.

Tournament Invitation: If you are inviting spectators to come watch your team, make sure they have ALL the information needed to find the performance sites. EVERY year we have a grandparent or other family member show up at Registration and ask where "John or Jane" is performing. They don't know the challenge the team is doing, they don't have a school name, they don't know the team manager's name and there is nothing we can do to help them. There is a sample invitation to the tournament on the Team Forms section of the Midcities website.

Paperwork: Every Team must have a Mid-Cities Medical Release for each team member and a Mid-Cities Media release in order to check in. Media Releases will be collected at Registration. Team Managers are to keep the Medical Releases with them during the tournament. These forms are available on the Team Forms page of the Midcities website. (midcities.texasdi.org)

Teams should refer to their specific challenge for the Team Challenge forms that are required. This includes Expense Reports, a Declarations of Independence and Tournament Data forms. Editable versions of the forms in Adobe PDF format are available at www.idodi.org

Interference: Remind your parents about the rules for Interference. It is OK for parents and/or others to unload props, move them into the building, move props to the prep area prior to the performance AND to help remove props from the performance area once a Team has completed. It is NO OK for anyone other than the team to be assembling, repairing or otherwise working on costumes or props or other team materials.

Your job as Team Managers is to monitor your Team and parents. It is not your responsibility to report interference you witness at the tournament. This could be considered un-sportsmanlike conduct. Tournament officials are the only ones who can report interference to our appraisal teams and they must witness the interference.

We are depending on each Team Manager to police their team and team supporters.

Instant Challenge: Instant Challenge is at Heritage Elementary School. You need to check in at least 20 minutes before your teams scheduled IC Time. Hit or Myth teams and Rising Star teams can follow signs in the hallways to IC registration. If your team walks to IC from Heritage Middle School look for signs to direct you to an exterior door that will take you directly to IC check in. Weather permitting, teams will exit IC through the exterior door noted on the site maps.

Rising Star teams are not required to do Instant Challenge. However, if your Rising Star team elects to not do the Rising Stars IC then please stop by IC check in and let them know so that they will not be looking for your team. Rising Star teams receive a small gift when they have completed their Instant Challenge.

When teams complete their IC they will be given time in a CHILL room to discuss their IC and to unwind before leaving the IC area. This is the chance for the team to talk through the Instant Challenge. Teams are not to discuss the Instant Challenge once they have left the IC area.

First Aid: If you need first aid go to the Registration Desk or DIme store for assistance. We have minor first aid available.

Concessions: Concessions are available in the cafeteria at Heritage Middle School.

DIme Store: The DIme Store is located near registration. Check out all the cool merchandise.

Safety

- Colleyville Heritage High School, Heritage Middle and Heritage Elementary School are Latex Free: Latex balloons, latex gloves or similar items are not allowed.
- No Fog or Smoke Machines.
- Team Members must wear shoes or reasonably impenetrable foot coverings at all times.
- Lights may not be turned off during a team's performance.

Scores for Central Challenge: Team Managers and one Team Member should check back with the Head Appraiser at their site approximately 30 minutes after your performance to pick up your teams raw scores. If your team is one of the first three teams of the day you should wait at least one hour before picking up your scores. If your team is one of the last few teams of the day we ask that you return quickly to pick up your scores. We cannot release appraisers until 30 minutes after the last team has picked up their scores so the appraisers will greatly appreciate your promptness. **The team has 30 minutes after they pick up their scores to raise any questions about the scoring. Only objective scores can be challenged. Subjective scores can be discussed with the head appraiser or challenge master but will not be changed.**

Lost and Found: Lost and Found is at the Registration area. When registration closes, Lost and Found will be taken to the DIme Store and then to the Award Ceremony.

Photographer: The photographer is set up in the Cafeteria on the stage. Please stop by and have your team's picture taken. You can buy a CD of all of the photographs taken today directly from the photographer for \$15.00. I would recommend that you purchase one CD per team. An order form is included in your registration packet. You do not have to buy a CD to have your teams picture taken. You can use the picture files on the CD at your local photo shop or at an online service to print as many photos as you would like. The pictures taken will also become part of the pre-award ceremony slide show.

Awards Ceremony: The Awards Ceremony will be held in the main gym at Colleyville Heritage High School. You must enter the school through the back. (See map.) The doors will open at 6:00. The US Army is providing some decorations for the Award Ceremony and will have a booth setup outside of Colleyville Heritage High School prior to the award ceremony. Chic-fil-A may also have a booth set up prior to the award ceremony.

There will be assigned seating on the floor by school district for the Teams and Team Managers. Look for the signs to see where your team should sit. Team guests and spectators should sit in the stands. A slide show of teams and today's events will start between 6:30 and 6:45. The Award Ceremony will start at 7:00 pm. Scores will not be posted after the award ceremony. They will be up on the website by Sunday night.

Teams Advancing to State: The first place team from each level/challenge will advance to the State Tournament. We have two Elementary Hit or Myth sites and the first place EL team at each site will advance to state. We will advance the 1st and 2nd Place EL teams in Elementary DI've Got a Secret. We will also advance the 1st and 2nd Place Secondary Level Switch teams (this is because of overall state numbers in Secondary Level Switch!)

When first place teams are called to receive their award, the Team Manager will receive a packet of State Tournament Information. **A Team Manager must meet with the Regional Director and your school district coordinator for about 30 minutes after the Awards Ceremony. There are certain forms that must be turned in at this meeting so it is important for the Team Manager (not Team Members) to attend.**

Problems? Remember, everyone working this tournament is a volunteer. We have done our best to try and make things run smoothly but problems may occur.

Questions about team scores Team Managers should review the Rules of the Road for the procedures they should follow should they have questions about any aspect of the tournament. Only Team Managers can discuss problems with tournament officials. Parents must not approach tournament officials about problems. Also, only objective score elements can be "challenged". Subjective scores may be discussed with the head appraiser or challenge master but cannot be changed.

Regional Board members will be wearing blue Golf / Polo shirts with the Mid-Cities logo. Look for these shirts if you have a question.

General Notes for all Challenges and Challenge Sites

- Double check clarifications for your teams challenge at www.idodi.org
- **Rules of the Road require that all props be able to fit through a 30" standard doorway.**
- We are extremely tight for hall space at all challenge sites. Please do not unload your team's props until about 1-1/2 hours before your team's performance. Once a team has completed their team challenge, please promptly remove your team's props from the building to make room for other teams. Remember that it is OK for parents to help remove props from the performance area once the team has completed their solution presentation. If the team is tight for time to make it to IC then have parents remove the props from the building to your vehicles, vans or trailers. If you have a trailer please do not park at the EL or Middle School. We don't have the room.
- Because many of our sites only have one door for both spectators and the teams it is critical that teams and spectators be ready to move quickly into the performance area. Remind those coming to see your team's performance that they need to be early. Once a performance has started they will not be allowed to enter the site.

Challenge Specific Notes:

Rising Stars – TwisDIId History!

Rising Stars sites are at Heritage Elementary School. Site "D" is Room A1 and Site "I" is room A2. Teams should bring their props through the main entrance to Heritage Elementary. There is only one entrance for teams and spectators to both of these rooms.

Rising Star teams will receive their participation medals immediately following the completion of their solution presentation. Rising Star participants are welcome to come to the Award Ceremony but there will not be individual recognition for Rising Star Teams at the Award Ceremony.

Since Instant Challenge and TwisDIId History are both at Heritage Elementary, teams may forget to visit Heritage Middle School to get their pictures taken. Teams will be allowed two poses. See the notes above for information about the photographer.

Obstacles of Course!

EL Obstacles teams are in Gym B at Heritage Middle School. ML and SL Obstacles teams are in Gym B. The gyms have wood floors. Teams are responsible for making sure they can move props and present their solutions without damaging the floors. There is only one entrance for teams and spectators into Gym B. We need your patience and cooperation to keep on schedule. The door to gym "B" is a tight 30". Weather Permitting Obstacles teams will exit the Gyms through the exterior door noted on the site maps.

Teams should review the requirements for the vehicle (see challenge section A.2) to make sure their vehicles comply with all the dimensional and other requirements specified in the challenge. Maximum allowable dimensions for the vehicle are absolute and apply to anything attached to the vehicle except for an extension cord.

Teams should also review the requirements for placement of Obstacles (see challenge section A.3).

Hit or Myth

Hit or Myth is at Heritage Elementary. Elementary Site "D" and SL are in the Gymnasium. Elementary Site "I" and ML are in the Cafeteria. Prep areas for each site are noted on the school maps. There is only one entrance for teams and spectators into the Gymnasium. Weather permitting, teams will exit their sites through the exterior door noted on the school maps. The first place Elementary team at each site ("D" and "I") will advance to the state tournament.

Since Instant Challenge and Hit or Myth are both at Heritage Elementary, teams may forget to visit Heritage Middle School to get their pictures taken. Even if you don't purchase a CD you can still get your picture taken to be included in the pre-award ceremony slide show. See the notes above for information about the photographer.

DI've Got a Secret!

DI've Got a Secret is at Heritage Middle School. EL is in room 902. ML and SL are in room 904. Because of the number of teams we have in the Elementary level we will be advancing the 1st and 2nd Place Elementary team to the State tournament.

Chorific!

Chorific is at Heritage Middle School. All levels will present in the Drama room located in the Fine Arts Annex (see map). Studio Check in is in the Hallway where noted on the school map. Teams need to check in at StuDIo Check In at least 15 minutes before their scheduled StuDIo time. Follow the signs in the school to StuDIo check in. We cannot use the dumpsters at Heritage Middle School to dispose of teams props. Please take the props the teams construct home for disposal.

Switch!

Structure check in is in Room 206 (Art Room). Teams may check in their structures earlier than the time indicated in the schedule but must give precedence to teams with earlier Team Challenge times. Teams will return to structure check in to retrieve their structure when directed to do so by the prep area appraiser. Do not remove the form "sealing" your structure container until directed to do so by the prep area appraiser.

All teams are performing in gym A. The floors are wood and teams are responsible for protecting the floors. Teams will need to demonstrate they can move props without damaging the floors.

Teams should do their own mock CHECK IN to make sure their structure meets all the challenge requirements (see challenge section A.3.)

If your team has not yet seen a crusher board and they would like to see one before the tournament you can contact the regional director (cccompton@texasdi.org) to make arrangements to see a crusher board.

Switch! teams need to pick up their structures when they pick up their scores (30 minutes to 1 hour after their performance as directed by the Head Appraiser / Challenge Master). We will dispose of any structures not picked up by 3:00 pm