

Vermont Destination Imagination Update

In light of the current pandemic with the coronavirus (COVID-19) we are taking extra precautions by postponing the Vermont Destination Imagination State Tournament. Our plan is to hold the tournament at a date when the risk of the COVID-19 virus is gone.

If you have any questions, please contact any of our Board of Directors.

Below you will see excerpts from some of our communications:

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Pierce <wpierce@aol.com>

To:

Sent: Fri, Mar 13, 2020 10:17 am

Subject: Destination Imagination State Finals Tournament Postponed.

Everyone,

Our Board of Directors had a quick meeting yesterday to decide on a plan for our State Tournament. As is no surprise with the COVID-19 virus going around the country that the Destination Imagination Headquarters has asked every state affiliate to postpone their state tournaments. We are informing all our teams to keep their props and materials for their solutions to the Challenge they were working on and we'll have the makeup tournament at a later date.

For teams that were interested and could plan to go to the Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri, DI Headquarters will be releasing a new announcement shortly to cover the latest changes. Please check out the [main website for Destination Imagination here](#) for the latest details.

Our Board of Directors will use the March 21st date for a board meeting to finalize the new tournament date. We'll keep you, and our other volunteers, informed of our decision and I hope that you may be available for the new date.

In the meantime, please practice social distancing, hand washing, and disinfecting as spelled out on the [US Government CDC website link here](#). There is no need to panic, just be careful.

Below, you will see a copy of the emails from our Executive Director and the Chairperson. Please call me if you have further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Wayne Pierce
(802) 879-1974

-----Original Message-----

From: Pasquale DiLego <vtdicreativity@gmail.com>

To:
Sent: Thu, Mar 12, 2020 6:59 pm
Subject: Affiliate State Tournament

Hi Everyone,

After much discussion with Team Managers, Challenge Masters, Appraisers and me the Board Of Directors has decided to postpone our Affiliate State Tournament to a future date and format. The Board will meet at Burlington High School on March 21st. to weigh all of our options and make a decision. I will inform everyone what they decide.

Teams should save all their props, costumes and other Challenge materials. We are committed to holding an Affiliate State Tournament. After all of their hard work the kids and Team Managers deserve this opportunity. As always, I really appreciate all of your hard work and commitment to Destination Imagination.

Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: Jane Youngbaer <janeyoungbaer@gmail.com>
To:
Sent: Thu, Mar 12, 2020 6:48 pm
Subject: Tournament postponed

Special Message to Challenge Masters:

As those of you who are on the Board already know, we have just made the extremely difficult and sad decision to postpone our D.I. Affiliate Tournament. The Board and Pat will meet on the 21st to figure out what to do next. We are determined to give the teams an opportunity to present their Challenge solutions one way or another.

Pat is sending an email to the Team Managers and Coordinators. We are telling the teams do NOT get rid of all their props and scenery.

Please inform your team of appraisers about this, and see if they may be willing to help us out at a future date.

We will all continue to be in touch. Thank you!

Jane