

Parent Tips 2020

Destination Imagination – Northwest VA Regional Tournament

March 7, 2020

John Handley High School Winchester, VA

Information on program, directions, and hotels can be found on

<http://www.divirginia.org/northwest/>

Dear Parents: Congratulations! You have a child who has worked for several months on solving a challenge. Now they will present their creative solution to a team of appraisers at the Northwest Virginia Destination Imagination Regional Tournament. The goal is to enjoy the day. Here are several tips to help make that happen for the team member and families.

Please Read Carefully!!

1. This year, our Northwest VA DI tournament is a half day event, beginning with an “Olympics Style” parade of teams and ending with a pre-awards ceremony sock hop for everyone. It is a day full of fun and creativity for all from 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM.
2. The team and family “hub” tends to be the school’s cafeteria where you will find great food concessions and the famous NWVADI cakewalk! Feel free to bring your own food and snacks.
3. Just outside of the cafeteria are three classrooms with activities for all kids - duct tape creations, building with Keva planks, and really cool board games. Each of these classroom activities costs \$1.00 - cash only!!! You may use cash or check to purchase pins in the Commons Area just outside of the Auditorium.
4. Please note that John Handley HS is a huge school and due to the slope of the land - the cafeteria and gymnasium are on **upper floors!** At our tournament, the only challenge being run on the first floor is **To the Rescue** - which is being held in the beautiful auditorium.
5. If you are helping with props - All challenges need to use the entrance in the back of the school which is a one way street.
6. **Prop Storage Rooms:** Props and materials for all challenges may be stored in the Wrestling Room. Remember: the team members must do all the work. You can only help carry in the props. See attached map for directions to the Drop Zone.
7. **Opening Ceremony** will begin with a parade of teams. All teams, accompanied by one team manager, are asked to assemble at **11:45 A.M. in the secondary gym, located just down the hall from the main gym.** Teams will line up alphabetically by school/program and are asked to bring a banner to march behind. **Parents and other family members should proceed to the main gym bleachers. Team Managers will bring the kids into the main gym.** The parade will be followed by brief welcoming speeches and general information for the day’s event. We hope that this ceremony will set a positive tone for a day of fun and creativity!
8. All participants are encouraged to watch other teams’ performances and attend the various events throughout the day. We encourage good manners, good sportsmanship, and the “Buddy System.” In the team registration packets, there is a “passport” (cover page of program) for each team member. After attending a presentation, you may have the passport stamped. Attend 3 challenges and turn it in for a prize.
9. Please note that doors to main challenge sites will be closed and remain closed during a team's performance. Spectators may not enter or leave during a team's performance. This is to prevent interruptions and to allow appraisers to give teams their undivided attention. Thank you for your attention to this procedure.
10. **Lost and Found** – If you find or lose anything, go to the Registration Table **outside of the auditorium.**
11. **Inclement Weather** – In case of inclement weather, the snow date is **Sunday, March 8th**. Postponement announcements will be aired via local media and on our website.

12. **Instant Challenge** **THIS IS A CLOSED SESSION.... NO SPECTATORS.**

The team or Team Manager may not bring any devices, including but not limited to cameras, cell phones, iPads or tablets, computers or timing devices, and wrist watches into the IC room. Parents are asked to bring the children to the door outside of room 1402 - **the team manager will then bring the kids up the stairs to the Instant Challenge Area.** Parents should **NOT** go up the stairs with the kids. When the teams are finished - they will meet up with family members in the **cafeteria!!!**

13. **Sportsmanship:** The Regional Tournament is a celebration. Winning is not the only criterion of success. Everyone is expected to set a good example by showing good sportsmanship. Unacceptable behavior by teams and/or supporters will be penalized.

14. **Cake Walk:** The Cake Walk is back. **EACH TEAM SHOULD BRING A CREATIVE BAKED GOOD** for this fun family friendly event. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Cake Walk Zone in the cafeteria. Cakes will be judged and prizes awarded. **This is the event where parents and other family members may contribute and shine with creativity!** Store bought desserts are also welcomed.

15. **Concession Stand** – Food will be available throughout the day. Food, snacks, and beverages will be on sale at the concession stand in the cafeteria.

16. **First Aid** – There are first aid supplies at each Challenge site and the Registration Table.

17. **SPECIAL NEEDS** - Any team who has a team member, manager, or visitor with special needs should immediately notify Louise Liddle at lliddle@rockingham.k12.va.us.

18. **Parking** – there are large lots near the entrance. When teams arrive they will be met by guides who will direct them to prop drop zones and appropriate parking areas. **NO PARKING IN PROP DROP ZONES.**

19. **Elevator** – An elevator is available for individuals in wheelchairs or with special needs. Go to registration for assistance.

20. **Board Members** will be wearing Hawaiian shirts. If you need anything, just ask.

21. **Handley Interact Club** – Will be visible through out the day. They are there to assist, feel free to ask.

22. **Awards Ceremony** - When your children have finished performing, have them relax and participate in the various activities. The Awards Ceremony will not begin until the scheduled time.

23. **Team Member's Guests** – Please share with family and friends, your child's school name and the name of the challenge they are competing in. We want to be able to guide them to the correct challenge, location, and time of performance.

**On behalf of the Northwest Virginia Destination Imagination
Board of Directors:**

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE TEAMS

ENJOY THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY!

