

**APPRAISERS** are the people who make up the Appraisal Teams that evaluate the teams' preparations and solutions that are presented at the tournaments, or who help make that process possible. Appraisers are registered in advance on the Texas DI website.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPRAISERS**

- minimum age is 18
- available for training (approximately 3 - 4 hours)
- available to remain with the appraisal team through all Tournament performances (approximately 8 hours)
- work with Challenge Master to reflect a POSITIVE and ENCOURAGING attitude to all children and adults encountered at Tournament

### **WHAT WOULD I DO AS AN APPRAISER?**

There are Scoring and Non-Scoring "jobs" on the Appraisal Team. Some of the positions available are:

#### **Non-Scoring:**

**PREP AREA :** Greet teams, helping to relax the DI team immediately prior to performance, making sure all are present, taking up the Tournament Data forms, checking paperwork and explaining procedures, guiding team into final area before performance

**ANNOUNCER:** Talks with DI team and introduces them to the appraisers and the audience; may explain the challenge to audience; tells team when to begin; may also serve as timer

**TIMER:** Uses stopwatch to mark any time requirements in the challenge

**Scoring:** Using a rubric for scoring, provide a numerical value to specified points on the Appraiser Score Sheet. Consistency is an important asset in this position.

Remember, all appraisers get training so everyone knows what to expect and is prepared. Refer to [www.gfwdi.org](http://www.gfwdi.org) for information on Appraiser Training.

If you are not available to train on our Greater Ft. Worth date, arrangements can be made for you to train in another region and appraise at the GFW Tournament. We try to place people in positions that are fun and compatible.

## **SO WHO DO I ASK TO BE AN APPRAISER?**

**NOT TEAM MANAGERS! NOT PARENTS!** They want to watch their own teams/children perform. However, they can help find good candidates.

- People who are interested in Destination Imagination, but don't know much about it.
- Teachers, especially those that teach G/T programs, new teachers, student teachers, librarians, art teachers, long-term substitute teachers and even school administrators. Many districts will award professional learning credits for teachers who appraise.
- Professionals that would have a special interest in a particular challenge (i.e. pilots for flight challenges, police officers for criminal justice, engineers for structure or instant challenges).
- Graduates from your district who participated in DI or other creative problem solving organizations while they were in school, or THEIR parents!
- Retired folks who are active and have a little time (maybe someone from church or a civic group).
- Reach out to churches and/or retired teachers' associations . . . these groups are often looking for ways to become involved with their community.
- College students in need of community service hours

## **REWARDS FOR APPRAISERS AND ALL-DAY HELPERS**

- Everyone helping all day is provided with snacks, beverages, and lunch the day of the tournament
- An Official's Tournament T-shirt
- A Certificate for hours of community service / continuing education
- Satisfaction in making this day possible for hundreds of children





