Tuesday Tidbit 12\_10\_19 - Appraisers

**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

**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.
* Try other 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

Get your parents to help find your team sponsored appraiser.

If you have checked the “complete” box on your registration, I will uncheck it so we can add your appraiser!!