

2026 Southeast 6 Destination Imagination Regional Tournament TOURNAMENT EVENT GUIDE

The tournament is being held at The Woodlands College Park High School, 3701 College Park Dr., The Woodlands, 77384. Thanks to Conroe ISD and TWCPHS for hosting the tournament! We appreciate their commitment to DI!! Remember, we are guests at the school. **Please properly dispose of all food and trash items.** Everyone working the tournament is a volunteer!

Parking

There is ample parking at TWCPHS. Be sure to look at the [Interior](#) and [Exterior](#) maps linked here and emailed to all team managers and that show the challenge site locations and the recommended entry for teams and props. The main hub of the tournament will be in the cafeteria in the center of the building. We are recommending all appraisers park in the larger East parking lot by the gyms. Props can be dropped off and picked up at the front entrance and East entrance but note that both are fire lanes and you cannot leave your vehicle unattended. You will want to avoid parking in any of the small lots behind (South Side) the school, because there is no convenient or nearby entrance to the school that will be open. Exterior maps linked [here](#).

Tournament Check In

Plan ahead for traffic delays due to construction. When you arrive at the tournament **one team manager from each team** needs to check in at the entrance on the East side of the building by the gyms. There will also be check in areas in the cafeteria and near the auditorium. There will be volunteers at the doors and in the cafeteria area to provide assistance throughout the day. Team Managers need to check in at least 30-45 minutes before your Team Challenge performance or Instant Challenge prep area and team performance time. Remember all teams, except Engineering teams, must arrive at their Team Challenge Prep Area at least 20 minutes before their scheduled performance time and at least 15 minutes before their Instant Challenge time. Engineering teams must check in their structure and weights one hour before their scheduled team performance time. **Your team may not perform unless you have checked in before arriving at the challenge prep area!!!** Check In will open at 7:00 AM. If your team is performing later in the day, please allow teams with early performances to check in before you. **Please do not arrive with your props before your scheduled time** to avoid congestion in the hallways near the prep areas. Your team can wait with their props in the cafeteria which is close to all challenge sites.

Tournament Data Forms

We use Mobile Scoring at our tournament. All Tournament Data Forms including the expense report are located in the Resource Area on the team manager dashboard. Rising Stars do not complete an expense report but do complete the Starry Showcase Form. **All forms are due Wednesday, January 28th by 11:59pm.** A helpful how to video can be found [here](#). Challenge Masters and Prep Area appraisers will review the tournament data forms prior to the tournament. Teams will be notified on **Tuesday, February 3, by 11:59pm** if there are errors that need to be corrected. **After the challenge masters have viewed the forms, they will notify team managers of any missing forms and any obvious errors via the mobile scoring messaging system.** Teams will need to make corrections before checking in at their team challenge site 20 minutes prior to their performance. **No paper copies of forms will be accepted.** All Team Managers are required to bring a mobile device to the Team Challenge and Instant Challenge prep area. Team Managers will return to the prep area to go over the scores and to receive appraiser sticky notes at least 30 minutes after the team's performance.

Schedule

The schedule will be posted on our Southeast 6 website at least two weeks prior to the tournament under the [Regional Tournament Tab and linked here](#). Double-check your team's Team Challenge and Instant Challenge times before you arrive at the tournament. Teams should check in with the Prep Area appraiser at their challenge site about 20 minutes before their team's scheduled Team Challenge. **Engineering teams will check in 1 hour before their team's scheduled Team Challenge time. A team manager and one or two team members can check their Structure Parts and Weights in following the procedure explained in the challenge. Approximately twenty minutes before the team's scheduled performance time one or more team members must return to the Check-In Area to collect the container/containers and carry these to the Prep Area.**

Check in for Instant Challenge 15- 20 minutes before your team's scheduled time. Please don't arrive at the Instant Challenge Prep Area Check In before that time. There is not enough room for multiple teams to gather at the check in and prep area. According to the Rules of the Road concerning Instant Challenge, one team manager, who manages one team, or a designated parent or co-manager may accompany the team into Instant Challenge. Team members may decide if their team manager accompanies them. No parents or spectators are allowed in the Instant Challenge check in area.

Tournament Challenge Site Locations

All Challenge sites are at The Woodlands College Park High School. Look at the interior map, which will be sent to you in an email to locate your challenge site prior to arriving at the tournament. Be sure to notify your team members, team parents and spectators where your challenge site is located.

The link to the tournament challenge site map and the exterior map will be shared with team managers in an email and linked here.

[Tournament Challenge Site Map](#)

[College Park HS Exterior Map](#)

Tournament Spectators

Make sure team members and team parents/spectators have **ALL** the information needed to find the team challenge performance site and know what time the team is performing. We often have family members show up at the tournament and ask where "John or Jane" is performing. They may not know important identifying information about the team, such as the team challenge, or the school, and there is nothing we can do to help them.

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, and move props to the prep area and launch area prior to the performance, AND to help remove props from the performance area once a team has completed their performance. **It is NOT OK for anyone other than the team to be assembling, repairing, or otherwise working on costumes, props or other team materials at any time!!!** Also remember that no one in the audience should signal or interact with team members during a performance.

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 unsportsmanlike 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

You need to check in at least 15-20 minutes before your teams scheduled IC Time. Do not report prior to your check in time. **Only team managers/or designated parent or co-manager and team members will be allowed in the Instant Challenge check in area.** The Instant Challenge Check In area will be upstairs. Teams and Team Managers should use the staircase right off the cafeteria to enter the Instant Challenge Prep Area. This area is a QUIET ZONE! No parents are allowed to go to the check in area. Parents may wait in the cafeteria.

Early Learning Rising Stars teams will do their Instant Challenge right before their Central Challenge performance as listed on the tournament schedule. The Rising Stars Instant Challenge and Team Challenge are in the same hallway, however, only team members and team managers will be allowed in the Instant Challenge area of the hallway. No parents are allowed in the Instant Challenge area of the hallway. An appraiser will walk the team from Instant Challenge to their Central Challenge performance room. Parents may wait in the hallway near the auditorium until it's time for the team to perform. Please remember that other teams will be performing, so we ask that you **keep noise to a minimum**. The hallway may become congested if parents all wait in the hallway by the challenge sites, so don't arrive more than 15 minutes prior to the team's performance.

When Elementary-Secondary Level teams complete their IC they will be given time in a CHILL OUT 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 and will sign an oath promising not to discuss the challenge in public until after Global Finals.**

No scores from the Instant Challenge will be returned to teams. Teams may see their overall Instant Challenge score when they are posted on our private region website after the tournament.

Accessibility

Elevator access for Instant Challenge and Improv is available by speaking to a volunteer at the Info Desk in the Cafeteria. Accessible Parking is available near all entrances. If you need any other accommodations, please speak to an Info Desk volunteers

Concessions

The Woodlands College Park High School Choir Boosters are providing concessions with cash and credit card payment options available. Please support this group by purchasing concessions! There will be a link to pre-order lunches on the [ditxse6.org website](http://ditxse6.org) the week of January 26 and leading up to the tournament. They will also have a limited number of lunches available for sale at the tournament. They will sell snacks and drinks throughout the day, but will not be selling breakfast items, so eat breakfast before you arrive at the tournament.

Dime Store

Please be sure to visit the Dime Store in the Cafeteria. We will have a great selection of wild and crazy items to choose from, such as hats, light up toys, and souvenirs, as well as t-shirts and pins. We have an amazing Raffle this year!!!! Check out the items listed below. Proceeds from the Dime Store and Raffle help fund Southeast 6 DI and the Sara Galley Scholarship Fund. We take cash, credit cards/Stripe and check payments. The Dime Store will be open from 8:00 to 3:00 (or until we sell out of everything). Teams that do not pick up their t-shirt/pin orders on the early pick up day may pick up their orders in the Dime Store. Remember that items in the Dime Store will be tax-free.

Raffle

We will also raffle off several exciting items! Stop by the Dime Store to purchase your raffle tickets. Tickets are 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 25 for \$20. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. You do not have to be present to win! So far, we have:

1. CYT Houston 4 pack Spring Show Musical Tickets (\$88 value)
2. Robichau Sterling Silver Mother of Pearl Earrings (\$200 Value)
3. Getaway Weekend/Margaritavile-1 night stay, Tower suite (\$300 value)
4. Space Center Houston, Family 4 pack, 1 year membership (\$185 value) x 4= Total Value (\$740 value)
5. Lone Star Flight Museum, Family 5 pack (\$90 value) x 5+ Total Value (\$360 value)
6. C2 Education-Free diagnostic test (SAT, for example), free college counseling session, 1 free 2-hour session (\$500 value)

7. Mathnasium—Scholarship basket including-1-month free voucher, which covers 8 one-hour sessions (\$678 value)
8. Free Tutor Station Tutoring Sessions- (\$200 Value)
9. Fred Astaire- 2 private dance lessons (\$280 Value) x 2 = Total Value (\$560)
10. Kendra Scott- Grayson Crystal Pendant and Stud Earrings- (\$115 Value)
11. Complete set Special Edition of 17 Lone Star Finals tessellating horse pins (\$100 value)
12. Complete Set Special Edition of 17 Lone Star Finals tessellating star pins (\$100 value)
13. Hat with 5 Massachusetts Maple Leaf Pins (\$30 Value)

DI Scavenger Hunt

We want the tournament to be more of an EXPERIENCE for the students. Teams learn so much from watching and supporting others!! A lot of work goes into the planning and executing of the tournament and we want you to have the full experience! Any team member who wants to participate will pick up a card from a volunteer near the check in tables. The students will go to different locations and challenge sites to receive an initial on their card. **Participants that have all 5 initialed boxes** and turn in their card at the Dime Store will be entered in a drawing for some amazing prizes, including **two Limited Edition Lone Star Finals Tessellating Horse pins representing all 17 regions plus some fun gift cards**. TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE DRAWING DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY TO WIN!

Karaoke Room

Another fun activity your team can do between 9:00am and 3:00pm is our Karaoke Room in the Auditorium. Your team, or an individual student, can sing along with one of their favorite songs, or can just sit in the audience and cheer for the team on stage.

Scores for Central Challenge

Scores will be ready approximately 30 minutes after performance times. If you are one of the first 4 teams, it may take up to an hour and a half to receive your scores. You will get a notification from the Mobile Scoring messaging system when your scores are ready. Prep area appraisers will give you specific information about how to receive your scores and sticky notes. There will be a poster by every challenge announcing which scores are ready. Teams have 30 minutes after they review their scores to raise any questions about the scoring. Only objective scores and deductions can be challenged.

Awards Ceremony

We will have **one Awards Ceremony in the large Gym 1501 at TWCPHS at 7:00pm**. Arrive early because we will begin showing our Tournament Celebration Slideshow about 15-20 minutes prior to the awards ceremony. **We will be able to turn off the lights for the slideshow, so wear your glow hats and LED jewelry!!!!** We will announce places 1 through 6 at the Awards Ceremony. First place teams will receive a trophy and medals. 2nd and 3rd place receive medals. 4th through 6th place will receive ribbons. First Place Instant Challenge teams will receive medals. All placements and scores will be posted privately on the Southeast 6 website as soon as possible. Team Managers will receive an email with information about accessing the private posting. We do not make our scores public! **Rising Stars receive their medals immediately after their team performance, not at the Awards Ceremony.**

Teams Advancing to State

The number of teams that will advance to the Affiliate Tournament are based on the total number of teams competing at each challenge/level site.

- 1 to 4 teams—one team advances (plus ties)
- 5 to 30 teams – two teams advance (plus ties)
- 31 to 45 teams – four teams advance (plus ties)

All Elementary Level Challenge sites will advance at least 2 teams to the Lone Star Finals Tournament. Elementary, except Improv. Improv will only advance 1st place. Technical Elementary Level will have two challenge sites and will advance 1st and 2nd place at each site for a total of 4 teams.

Middle Level Improv, Engineering, and Service Learning Challenge sites will only advance 1st place. Middle Level Technical Challenge sites will advance the 1st place team in each site. Scientific and Fine Arts Middle Level Challenge sites will advance 2 teams. All Secondary Level Challenge sites will advance 1st place.

A **limited** number of Score Based Qualifying Teams (Bonus Teams) will be announced by February 23rd.

Teams advancing to state will receive state tournament information and will meet with the Regional Directors immediately after the Awards Ceremony. Teams will be able to order/purchase additional pins and t-shirts at this meeting and afterwards on our Southeast 6 website before the state tournament.

Score Based Qualifying Teams (Formerly called Bonus Teams)

Texas DI has a Score Based Qualifying Team program to allow more teams to participate in the Affiliate Tournament. In addition to the teams who qualify for the Affiliate Tournament from each region, selected teams from across the state, that came very close to qualifying, but didn't win, may be invited to participate, if there is extra space for additional teams. These invitations will be issued by February 23rd and must be accepted promptly. If your team almost qualified for advancement to the Affiliate Tournament, and you'd still like to go, hang onto your sets, props, and costumes – and most of all your creativity – and stay alert for that phone call or email after February 23rd! Check with your school district DI coordinator to see if your district funds Score Based Qualifying Teams. Many school districts DO NOT fund these Teams.

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. 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 and deductions can be “challenged”. Subjective scores may be discussed with the challenge master but cannot be changed.

General Notes for all Challenges and Challenge Sites

- Double check clarifications for your team's challenge at <http://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/clarifications>.
- **Rules of the Road require that all props be able to fit through a 30" standard doorway. We will not remove mullions, doors, and hardware, or make any other adjustments for teams to be able to move their props into the performance area.**
- **Prop Storage:** NEVER leave your team's props unattended. This is a good job to give to a Team Parent. Accidents do happen. Even if someone else damages the team's props, the TEAM members still must be the ones that make the repairs.
- Because many of our sites have only one door for both spectators and the teams it is critical that teams and parent spectators be ready to move quickly into the performance area. Remind your parents who are coming to see your team's performance to arrive early. Once a performance has started, they will not be allowed to enter the site.

Site Restrictions – ALL TEAMS

Southeast 6 DI will follow the Rules of the Road concerning depictions of weapons.

- Confetti Eggs and Silly String are not allowed.
- Lights may not be turned off during a team's performance.
- Glitter will only be allowed at the state tournament if the team cleans up thoroughly, so we are highly recommending teams don't use glitter.

- Fog and/or Smoke Machines are not allowed

Challenge Specific Instructions

Early Learning: Rising Stars – Helping Hands

Rising Star teams will receive their participation medals immediately following the completion of their Team Challenge solution presentation. Rising Stars participants are welcome to attend the awards ceremony but there will not be individual recognition for Rising Stars Teams at the Awards Ceremony.

We have two Early Learning Team Challenge Sites for **Rising Stars: Helping Hands**, Site “D”, Room 1102 and Site “I”, Room 1103. The two sites are in the same hallway at the TWCPHS. Please check the schedule to see in which site your team will perform.

Rising Stars teams will do their Instant Challenge first. Only team managers and team members will be allowed in the Instant Challenge rooms at the end of the hallway, due to site restrictions. After their Instant Challenge, teams will be led immediately to their challenge performance nearby and perform their team challenge solution. Parents are welcome in the Challenge Performance rooms.

Fine Arts: Becoming Super and Technical: Win it Big

The Fine Arts Challenge will have two challenge sites. There will be one Elementary site in the Band Hall, Room 1407, and one Middle/Secondary site in the Black Box, Room 1408. The Fine Arts sites are in the same hallway.

There will be **four** sites for Technical: Win It Big--Two Elementary sites and two Middle Level sites all in the gyms. The Middle Level Technical sites will share the same site, Gym 1500. “Site D” will be in the morning, and “Site I” will be in the afternoon. Each will have separate appraisers. The Elementary Technical Challenge “Site D” is in Gym 1503 and the Elementary Technical Challenge “Site I” will be in Gym 1501. The Secondary Technical Challenge Site will be also in Gym 1501.

Engineering: Above and Beyond

There will be one site in the LGI, Room 1314 for Engineering: Above and Beyond. Teams will check-in with their Structure Parts and Weights **one hour** before the team’s team challenge time. When Check-In is complete, your team will place the Structure Parts and Weights into the team-supplied storage container/containers and an Appraiser will seal the container/s. The Structure Parts and Weights must remain in a designated place in the Check-In Area until approximately 20 minutes before your team’s scheduled Presentation time. At that time, one or more team members must return to the Check-In Area to collect the container/s and carry these to the Prep Area. Team members must not break the seal on the container until the Prep Area Appraiser directs your team to do so. Please check your challenge procedures for information about how check in will work.

All Challenges:

We have limited room for staging, so teams must not bring their props into the prep hallway until 20-30 minutes before their scheduled presentation time. Please do not gather around challenge prep areas. Once a team has completed their presentation, they must immediately move their props from the challenge site. Parents may help move props from the presentation site after the team’s performance. Do not leave props in the main prep hallway for each challenge. Teams may gather with their props in the cafeteria prior to their prep area check in time. There are other areas around the campus where teams can gather, but ***please avoid all challenge site hallways*** until your team is scheduled to check in.

Remind parents and spectators who are coming to watch your team’s presentation to arrive early. Once a presentation has started no one will be allowed to enter the presentation site.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found area will be at the Dime Store. When the Dime Store closes, Lost and Found items will be collected by the Regional Director and taken to the Gym for the Awards Ceremony. Contact [Pat Sudduth](#) after the tournament if you lost an item. Items will be located to a local charity if not claimed by the end of the next week.

ALL TEAM MANAGERS, PLEASE PRINT THIS TOURNAMENT GUIDE, SHARE IT WITH EACH TEAM PARENT, AND REFER TO IT OFTEN TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT!! DON'T FORGET TO SHARE IT WITH YOUR SPECTATORS, TOO!