

## 1. Educational or extracurricular purpose of trip

The educational purpose of the trip for our team is to compete in the Destination Imagination Global Finals at Knoxville, Tennessee with 100+ teams from 15 different countries. This is also an educational trip where our team will be exposed to a wide variety of events and activities provided by Destination Imagination at the Global Finals.

Our team is competing in the Elementary level Scientific Challenge. They had already competed against 17 teams at the Massachusetts Destination Imagination State Tournament and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place on April 2, 2017. They qualify to compete in the Global Finals held from May 24 to May 27, 2017.

## 2. Team Details:

- DI Team Number: 119-68191
- Level: Elementary
- Challenge Name: Top Secret
- Challenge Type: Scientific
- Team Managers: Vidya Sambasivan, Laura Astorino
- Parent Chaperones: Christine Phipps, Yeon Soh
- No of students in team: 7
- Student Names:
  1. Anika Karre – Grade 4 – Floral Street
  2. Aashi Gupta – Grade 4 – Floral Street
  3. Cassidy Astorino – Grade 4 – Paton
  4. Katie Phipps – Grade 4 – Floral
  5. Nidhi Vidyaprakash – Grade 5 – Sherwood
  6. Varsha Swaminathan – Grade 4 – Floral
  7. Yerin Kim – Grade 4 – Floral
- Mode of Transportation: Air. Flight to Atlanta and then drive to Knoxville, TN
- Date of Departure: Monday, May 22, 2017
- Date of Return: Sunday, May 28, 2017
- Location of tournament: University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
- Place of Stay: Destination Imagination provided housing

### 3. Curriculum unit or units related to these trips

This trip will teach the group about creativity, problem solving, teamwork, and communication. The students will interact with other Destination Imagination Teams from around the world who have solved similar challenges. This competition will allow our students to see how there can be many approaches to the same problem and will expand their problem solving skills. They will also meet teams from around the country who are the best teams from their respective state/country and will make new friendships and gain new experience.

### 4. Proposed classroom preparation for the trip and proposed classroom follow up after the trip

The students have designed, built and solved a solution to a Destination Imagination scientific challenge which started late in October 2017. The problem timeframe was from the end of October to the beginning of March. The teams have been meeting multiple times a week throughout the fall and winter, and will continue to meet in spring improving their existing solution and preparing to compete with world class teams.

Our group has learned many new skills for this challenge ranging from creativity techniques, cryptography and steganography techniques, programming, working with electronics, building props, writing a script and directing it, acting, solving a timed challenge and teamwork.

### 5. Travel plans in detail

- We plan to fly from Boston to Atlanta on Monday, May 22, 2017 via a JetBlue flight.
- On reaching Atlanta in the afternoon, we plan to travel to Knoxville, TN via rented cars. It is approximately 3 hours drive from Atlanta to Knoxville and our team will reach our destination sometime in the evening of May 22, 2017.
- Housing is provided by Destination Imagination and all teams participating in global finals are REQUIRED to stay in DI provided housing. Housing can be either a University of Tennessee dorm room or a hotel provided by DI.
- We plan to stay in DI provided housing from May 22 to May 28, 2017.
- Our return flight to Boston is on May 28, 2017 via a Spirit Airlines flight.

### 6. Proposed dates and exact times of departure and return, including departure point and destination point

See above

### 7. Number of students participating

7 students

### 8. Number and names of adult supervisors and ratio of supervisors to students.

We have 4 adults that include 2 managers and 2 adult chaperones. Additional parents and siblings are also attending.

We have a ratio of 2 kids per adult in our group. All adult chaperones will be CORI checked and finger printed before our travel.

Adults travelling with the group:

1. Vidya Sambasivan (DI manager)
2. Laura Astorino (DI manager)
3. Yeon Soh (Adult chaperone)
4. Christine Phipps (Adult chaperone)

We will have at least one parent attending for each team member. Additional parents or siblings may be

attending.

### **9. Detailed itinerary including all aspects such as guided tours, sightseeing, free time, and any related matters.**

See itinerary below.

### **10. Sample form to be given parents describing trip in detail, describing school rules in effect, consequences of violation of school rules, and parental responsibility for costs of students sent home from the trip; this form must (and will) have a place for a parent's signature and must (will) be on file at the school.**

The permission slip is attached.

During the Destination Imagination Globals and at all team events, students are held accountable for their actions. All students must follow the Shrewsbury Public Schools Handbook. If students are found in violation of the handbook, parents will be called and asked to take their child home, regardless of the location of the team.

### **11. Costs of trips per student.**

The registration will cost \$775 per student and per adult. This cost includes event participation, competition fees, housing and meals (3) in Knoxville, TN for 6 days. The round trip air tickets cost an additional \$250 per student/manager. In addition, we plan to rent a car from for the week for our round trip from Atlanta to Knoxville that costs \$300 per car.

Total cost breakdown

\$775 per student/adult – 4 adults and 7 students = \$8525

Round trip air tickets for 11 members in the team (\$250 per person) = \$2750

Rental car (\$300 per car) – 2 cars = \$600

**Total expense for team = \$11, 875**

The above expenses do not cover the cost of additional family travelling.

### **12. Sources of funding for the trips**

- The deposit of \$1500 will be paid by Shrewsbury Public Schools Destination Imagination fund.
- We plan to raise the remaining \$10,325 by fundraising from  
Corporate and individual sponsorship - <http://www.globalfinals.org/sponsor-a-team/>  
We plan to make iron on patches with the Corporate logo and wear them on the Tshirts for the corporate sponsors who help us go to DI globals
- The families of the students who go to DI globals will pay the remaining money.
- The remaining family members travelling with the team will pay for their travel and accommodation from their pocket.

### **13. Any prerequisite accruing to the sponsor including prizes, stipends, tips, price reductions, gifts, or any other gratuities associated with acquisition of travel and/or accommodations.**

There are no prizes, stipends, tips, price reductions, gifts or any other gratuities for the sponsors.

**14. Any trip requiring travel outside the U.S. or more than one night lodging, will have an evening preparatory meeting between chaperones and parents at least three (3) weeks in advance. (Not applicable at this time.)**

We will have a mandatory travel meeting for parents and students end of April to prepare for the trip.

**15. Parents must release the school department and employees from liability arising out of the trip. Release forms will be on file in all building Principal's offices**

We will use the parent release form that has been approved by counsel and used for all school activities over the years. (See attached)

**16. Provisions so that all members of the class or group have a realistic opportunity to participate.**

All team members in our group have equally important roles in their central challenge part of the competition. The team members had also equally contributed in building props, set, costumes, cryptography techniques, skit and much more.

**DI itinerary:**

May 22, 2017, Monday: Flying from Boston to Atlanta. Arrival time is 11:41 am

May 22, 2017, Monday: Driving to Knoxville, TN in rental cars. Reach Knoxville, TN in the evening and check in DI housing

May 23, 2017, Tuesday: Props collecting and fixing. Central challenge and instant challenge practice

May 24, 2017, Wednesday: Opening ceremony and events

May 25, 2017, Thursday: Events

May 26, 2017: Friday: Events

May 27, 2017, Saturday: Events, closing ceremony

May 28, 2017, Sunday: Return from Knoxville TN to Boston, Arrival time: 3:30pm

# Shrewsbury Public School Field Trip Permission Form

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the trip to the Destination Imagination Global Finals Tournament at the University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN) from May 22 – May 29, 2017. Students will be traveling with parent team managers and chaperones using private vehicles and by air.

## Shrewsbury Public Schools Parental Consent, Release from Liability and Indemnity Agreement

We the undersigned father/mother or guardian(s) of a minor, do hereby consent to his/her participation in a voluntary field trip and do forever RELEASE, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless the Town of Shrewsbury, a municipal corporation of the State of Massachusetts, and its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants and agents, of and from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, demands, costs, loss of services, expenses and compensation on account of, or in any way growing out of, directly or indirectly, all known and unknown personal injuries or property damages which we/I may now or hereafter have as the parent(s) or guardian(s) of said minor, and also all claims or right of action for damages which said minor has or hereafter may acquire, either before or after he/she has reached his/her majority resulting or to result from his/her participation in the Shrewsbury Public Schools voluntary programs; FURTHERMORE, we/I hereby agree to protect the Town of Shrewsbury and its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants, and agents, against any claims for damages, compensation or otherwise on the part of said minor growing out of or resulting from injury to said minor in connection with his/her participation in and travel to and from this Shrewsbury Public Schools voluntary field trip program, and to INDEMNIFY, reimburse or make good to the Town of Shrewsbury or its successors, departments, officers, employees, servants and agents any loss of damages or costs, including attorney's fees, the Town or its representatives may have to pay if any litigation arises from said minor's intentional, grossly negligent, or reckless acts or omissions while participating in said programs. I/we acknowledge that transportation for this voluntary trip is being provided through private automobiles being driven by parent managers and/or chaperones.

Should illness or accident occur during the event or during travel to and from the event, I will not hold Shrewsbury Public Schools or its employees, any of our sponsors or their employees or any adult supervisor liable for any medical or additional expenses. I give my permission for any medical attention to be given if my child becomes injured or ill. I will also not hold Shrewsbury Public Schools or its employees, any of our sponsors or their employees or any adult supervisor liable for any loss of personal property.

All rules pertaining to behavior and attendance as outlined in the Student Handbooks for the students' level are strictly enforced at all times. Any student violating any rules in the Student Handbook will be subjected to the appropriate discipline upon his/her return to school. If necessary, disciplinary actions will also be taken while students are still on the trip including being sent home immediately. The student's family will be responsible for expenses required to send a student home should it be determined necessary.

I/We acknowledge that the Superintendent of Schools may, for any reason the Superintendent deems is in the best interests of those traveling and the school district, decide to withdraw approval for this trip at any

time prior to the trip's start date, or may require students, leaders, and chaperones to return from the trip early. If approval is withdrawn by the Superintendent prior to or during the trip, the Shrewsbury Public Schools shall not be liable for refunding any funds expended by families for the trip; for this reason, families may wish to purchase private travel insurance.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Authorization Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian or Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian or Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with: Mother \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Does the carrier have to be informed before treatment, in case of medical emergency?  
YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If so, please give insurance carrier telephone number and any special instructions or procedures that must be followed:

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Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (to food, medication, insect bites, etc.)

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Please list any medication that your child will be taking during school trip:

Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_

Over the counter: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any medical conditions that we should know about? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If so, please describe:

In the event that you cannot be reached, please give names of at least two people who could be contacted in case of an emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile ( ) \_\_\_\_\_