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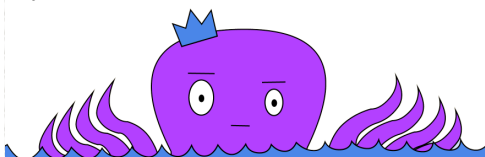


Best of the Bay

Team Manager News

## T-Shirt Contest Entries Wowed the BoB ROC!

Our Regional Operating Committee had a tough time narrowing down to just one final selection because we had so many GREAT entries into the 2016-17 t-shirt design contest. A huge thank you goes out to all the teams and individuals that submitted artwork. We are pleased to announce that the Gigantic Teddybears, an elementary level team from Dublin, came out on top. Here's a sneak peek at the artwork. Look for more details about ordering your shirts in our next newsletter.



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## Team Manager Training Continues

There are still two NEW Team Manager training sessions open this fall. **We strongly encourage all new TMs to register as soon as possible so they don't miss out on this valuable training opportunity.** The cost is \$15 per team (TM & Co-TM). These are full day workshops in Walnut Creek (8:30am-4pm). To register, visit the Calendar section on our website: <http://www.caldi.org/regions/bestofthebayregion/> and click on the date you wish to attend. Follow the prompts to register.

**New Team Managers:** Saturday, October 29 & Saturday, November 12

We are also offering three **Team Manager Skill Building Workshops.** These will be half-day, hands-on workshops for TMs and Co-TMs only – NO KIDS. Check your email for a Sign-Up Genius link and be sure to sign up for one of these valuable training opportunities. There is no cost for this training. They will fill up fast!

### TM Skill Building:

Saturday, November 19, 9:00-12:00 – Electricity Basics

Saturday, November 26, 9:00-12:00 – Hydraulics

Sunday, December 11, 9:30-12:30 – Triggers, Mechanisms  
& Energy Storage Devices

## Best of the Bay Regional Tournament Saturday, February 25, 2017

Our Regional Tournament will again be held at Valley Christian Schools in Dublin, CA. **Early registration is now open on our website.** Before you register, you must identify your appraisers and tournament officials (previously called volunteers). One of your appraisers must say 'yes' to participating at both our Regional Tournament AND the State Tournament when they register. Please confirm those two dates with your selected appraiser. Your registration is not complete until you have entered the information for each individual. If you enter false names, or your own name, as a placeholder, you will automatically be charged the full rate for registration (yes, we've had people do this!). **There is no early registration discount if you give us false information.**

Each competitive team needs 3 roles filled: EITHER 2 appraisers AND 1 official OR 1 appraiser AND 1 tournament staff member, AND 1 official. Rising Star teams need 2 officials. **Remember: one of your trained appraisers must be able to travel with the team to the State Tournament in Sacramento on April 1 if the moves on to that level.**

'Staff Member' – takes a role to help run the tournament. See the list posted on the Best of the Bay website under "Tournament" and email Judy ([judyawrie@me.com](mailto:judyawrie@me.com)) if you have someone that wants a specific staff job.

'Appraisers' – judge teams on tournament day.

- 1 full day of training and appraise on tournament day
- Must be over 18 and out of high school
- Competitive teams going on to the State tournament (April 1, 2017) must provide 1 trained and experienced appraiser to appraise at that tournament.

'Official' – 3 hour task, on or before Tournament Day.

**Appraiser Training** will be February 11 at Murray Elementary School in Dublin. This is an all-day training for new appraisers, or half-day for experienced appraisers.

## Instant Challenge Day Saturday, December 3, 9am to 5pm Wells Middle School, Dublin • \$20 per team

Each team will have an opportunity to do four Instant Challenges and be appraised by experienced DI volunteers. Teams will get feedback and written scores (available online the next day). More details and registration information will be in the next newsletter.



If you have questions, or need more details on anything listed here in the Best of the Bay newsletter, please contact Sharon at [caldibob@gmail.com](mailto:caldibob@gmail.com) or Judy at [judyawrie@me.com](mailto:judyawrie@me.com).

Website: [caldi.org/regions/bestofthebayregion/](http://caldi.org/regions/bestofthebayregion/)

## Coffee Talk coming to Alameda on Thursday, Oct. 27!

Coffee Talks are informal, drop-in gatherings for team managers to get together with experienced team managers and share ideas and tips. No registration is necessary, just stop by!

**Coffee Talk dates, 7:00pm start:**

**Thurs. October 27** – Peet's Coffee, 2631 Blanding Ave, Alameda

**Wed. Nov. 9** – Peet's Coffee, 11000 Bollinger Cyn Rd., San Ramon

**Tues. December 13** – Peet's Coffee, 2631 Blanding Ave, Alameda

If you would like to see a Coffee Talk hosted in your area, email Sharon at [caldibob@gmail.com](mailto:caldibob@gmail.com).

## Update on Team Pins

Pin trading is one of the most popular activities at Destination Imagination Global Finals. If you have an experienced team, and you want to make your own pins to trade, please note, Destination Imagination has instated new pin guidelines for teams and individuals, effective immediately. The policy is on the website. Please be sure to read it before making any pins for trading at Destination Imagination tournaments.

## We need a Volunteer

We have an immediate need for a **Hospitality Director**. This person will oversee the food arrangements for appraisers for IC day, appraiser training, the regional tournament, and arrange food trucks for the tournament. Please ask your team parents if they can help. For more information contact Judy Lawrie at [judyawrie@me.com](mailto:judyawrie@me.com)