

***DI've Got a Secret!* at 2008 Global Finals**

Congratulations to you and your team on all your accomplishments this year and for qualifying to participate in Global Finals. We look forward to meeting you and your team and to seeing some amazing stories about Secrets! In order to make your team's experience here in Tennessee as wonderful as possible, we would like to remind you of a few things, and to give you some site-specific information that should help you and your team to prepare. Read on to learn about the Presentation Sites as well as what your team needs to do before, during, and after their Presentation. Of course, the main thing to do all week is to relax, have fun, and enjoy the experience!

Presentation Sites:

The University of Tennessee (UT) has provided three wonderful *DI've Got a Secret!* Presentation Sites on the UT Campus. All three are auditoriums with stages that are larger than the minimum size required by the Challenge, 8ft. x 10ft. (2.43m x 3.04m).

Elementary Level: Music Building Auditorium. (*Volunteer Blvd at Pat Head-Summitt St*)

Head Appraiser: Rick Wimberly

Prop Storage: In the building – near the Prep Area behind the stage.

Prep Area: Hallway behind the stage.

Launch Area: Side of stage, marked with tape.

Middle Level: Clarence Brown Theater. (*Holt Ave*)

Head Appraiser: Dan Henderson

Prop Storage: On side of building, with entrance from an outside loading zone.

Prep Area: Hallway on one side of the auditorium (opposite from Prop Storage).

Launch Area: Side of stage, marked with tape.

Notes: Prop Storage and the Prep Area are on opposite sides of the building. To get from Prop Storage to the Prep Area, teams will need to bring their props around the outside of the building (possibly uneven ground). If it is raining, a route will be mapped out inside the building (including short steps in carpeted areas). The walk is worth it, as this is a wonderful site! When teams are done in the Prep Area it is a short walk to the Launch Area on the stage.

Secondary/University Level: University Center Auditorium. (*James Agee St*)

Head Appraiser: Susie Rogers.

Prop Storage: Across the hall from the auditorium.

Prep Area: Hallway near the entrance to the auditorium.

Launch Area: Side of stage, marked with tape.

Notes: When moving from the Prep Area to the Launch Area, teams will enter through the back of the auditorium, walk down one of the aisles, and then will need to carry or lift props up to the Launch Area on the stage (6-7 steps).

Other notes about all three Presentation Sites:

- This Challenge has no taped boundaries, so there are no restrictions on the area team members may use to perform. For safety purposes, the edges of the performance stages will be marked with caution tape.

- Appraisers will position themselves to properly appraise the scored elements, and may move during the performance to see a particular portion of the solution.
- Electricity available to the teams will be clearly identified for team use.
- Microphones will not be provided for teams at any of the sites.
- Teams are **not** permitted to alter the lighting at the Site. A UT camera crew will set up extra lights at the site and they will be turned on for all teams.

Before Your Presentation:

Prop Storage: Prop Storage Areas are provided near each Presentation Site. The Prop Storage Area is provided as a convenience for teams, but teams may store their props and costumes in their own dorm rooms or in trailers or vehicles you brought to the Tournament. Keep in mind that the Prop Storage Areas will be crowded with large crates, especially on Wednesday and Thursday. If your team is not scheduled to compete until Friday or Saturday, please delay uncrating until the day before your team is scheduled to perform. When you do uncrate and store your props, please leave a clear path to the exits (for safety reasons and so that performing teams have an easy path for carrying their props to the Prep Area). Also make sure that you do not block the path to the electrical outlets, which need to remain accessible to all teams. Once your team has uncrated their props, it is best to have only the team and the Team Managers in the Prop Storage area if the team needs to work on assembling and repairing any items. We want to maintain a safe atmosphere for participants, teams' props, and the UT buildings, so please ensure that your participants refrain from running, throwing, or rough-housing around and in the Prop Storage Area. Also, teams are usually happy to share tools or supplies, but please do not borrow equipment from other teams without their permission.

Practicing: Your team may choose to practice their Challenge solution in their dorm, outside, or at some other location. However, teams will NOT be allowed to practice in the actual Presentation Site. We want to make sure that we provide a level playing field and a safe environment for all teams as well as UT equipment.

Interference: Remember that Rules of Interference for Team Challenges still apply! (*Rules of the Road*, pages 14-18.) ONLY members of the team may assemble, prepare, or repair props and other aspects of the *Team Challenge* solution. Team Managers, parents and supporters may only assist with unloading, uncrating and moving props prior to the Presentation.

On the Day of Your Presentation:

The team members and Team Manager(s) should report to the Prep Area at least 20 minutes before the team's scheduled Presentation time. Parents and supporters should plan to enter through the Audience Entrance to watch the Presentation.

NOTE: Knoxville hosts a Tennessee Sports Medicine EXPO road race until about noon on Saturday. Many roads near downtown and the Knoxville Convention Center will be closed or have limited access. Plan on delays in travel Saturday morning to and from the Knoxville Convention/Exhibition Center and Knoxville Convention Center.

Clarifications:

There are two Published Clarifications issued for this Challenge. The first, issued February 5, 2008 corrects a typographical error regarding the labeling of the Side Trips. The second Clarification, issued February 13, 2008 for *DI've Got a Secret!* states:

Section A.4 of the Challenge explains that "As the Story develops, the three Revealer Set Pieces must be connected so they fit together in a way that forms a NEW Set Piece or Background. When the new Set Piece or Background is formed, the Revealer Set Pieces must be physically connected, which means that each Revealer Set Piece must touch at least one of the other Revealer Set Pieces. When the three Revealer Set Pieces are connected, the new Revealer Set Piece or Background that is formed must help to reveal the Secret." This means that all parts of the three Revealer Set Pieces that are listed on the Tournament Data Form must be included when the team physically connects them by having them touch at least one of the other Revealer Set Pieces. Teams cannot connect only a piece or portion of the Revealer Set Pieces when combining them to help reveal the Secret.

After the Presentation:

At the conclusion of your team's Presentation, the team will take a bow and the Appraisal Team will talk to them for a few minutes. The Team Manager, parents and supporters should remain with the audience until the Timekeeper/Announcer invites them to assist the team with clean up and removal of the team's Challenge solution. At that time, the team and their supporters will follow clearly marked paths leading to the large prop disposal area supervised by UT staff. Teams should dispose of all props, scenery and costumes that will not be making the trip home. Due to safety concerns, teams will not be allowed to climb into the dumpsters so be cautious about what is thrown into the dumpster! Teams are encouraged to stage their very own "Dumpster Party" and bid a final farewell to all their fabulous creations. Believe it or not, this truly is a great photo opportunity, so have your cameras ready! Before you leave the building, be sure to double check the Prop Storage Area and the Presentation Site to ensure the team has removed all of their items, tools, repair kits, etc.

We look forward to seeing you at the Team Managers Meeting on Wednesday, May 21st from 3:30-5:30 PM in the Knoxville Convention Center (KCC). We will review the Presentation Site layout and you will have an opportunity to ask questions, meet us (the International Challenge Masters), and meet your terrific Head Appraisers: Rick, Dan and Susie. If you or your team has any questions or concerns, please let us know at the Team Managers Meeting, or find your Head Appraiser or one of us at the Presentation Site. We are here to help make this a positive and fun experience for you and your team. We can't wait to be entertained and amazed by your teams' Masquerade Characters, Optical Illusions, and Revealer Set Pieces! We hope you have a fabulous time in Knoxville! Thank you for everything you have done!

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