

# IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS APPLICATION INFORMATION



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please take plenty of time and care to fill out this Impossible Dreams Application.

These are the 3 steps:

1. Download application to your computer
2. Type in your information
3. Email it to [Dream@ArcadiaTherapy.com](mailto:Dream@ArcadiaTherapy.com)

Please allow 1 week to receive your Letter of Response.

## A NOTE WORTH READING FROM OUR CREATIVE DIRECTOR



*Welcome to Impossible Dreams!*

I am pleased you are applying.

Should you be accepted into this program, be prepared for a wild ride! At times you will feel excited anticipation, at times you may be a little bit scared. Often you may feel overwhelmed. But by the end (and sometimes in between) you will feel the thrill that accompanies the completion of a job well done. These ways to feel are a sign that you are on the right track. They tend to happen when you attempt something big that just may change your life!

I am personally invested in your success. Some very special people have helped me design and run this program -- just for kids and teens like you. We believe in Impossible Dreams for you, for two very important reasons. First, we believe it will help you be ready to do great work one day. Second, we believe in our hearts that Impossible Dreams will help you love your life more. That fills us full of anticipation and pride.

Thank you for your interest, and I hope to see you soon.

*With Big Dreams and Love,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.E. Rice', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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KAREN E. RICE  
CREATIVE DIRECTOR  
ARCADIA THERAPY SERVICES



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## Applicant Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt  
size \_\_\_\_\_

## Impossible Dreams

Are you available to attend Competition Day?      YES      NO  
  =                =

Which track are you applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to create for Competition Day? \_\_\_\_\_

What skills do you intend to acquire? \_\_\_\_\_

Whose team are you on? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in Impossible Dreams previously?

YES  
=

NO  
=

If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Which tracks? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

What grade are you in? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your favorite teacher and why? \_\_\_\_\_

### Career

Do you have a job currently? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your current career aspirations? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the biggest dream job you can imagine having one day? \_\_\_\_\_

### Disclaimer and Signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS INFORMATION PACKET

Impossible Dreams is a ten-week program that facilitates skill development in the following tracks:



## ARTISAN TRACK

Artisans spend ten weeks replicating standards, learning new technical and design skills, and incorporating those skills into an original design project. Standards are provided by each coach after assessing and breaking down necessary skills for the competitor's project. Judges look for skill development and originality. The artisan presentation involves a presentation board and created product. Artisan presentations may not exceed 10 minutes.



## TECHNOLOGY

Techies spend ten weeks gaining skills in creating technology-based projects such as a video game, movie, or website. Judges look for knowledge of project. The technology presentation involves a presentation board and finished product. Computer based projects may be displayed via large monitor during presentation in front of the judges. Technology presentations may not exceed 10 minutes.



## CULINARY TRACK

Chefs spend ten weeks learning technical culinary skills experimenting with foods and flavors and creating recipes. Judges look for adherence to the predetermined theme and flavorful taste. The culinary presentation involves a demonstration of a particular step of the dish, and discussion. Chef presentations may not exceed 8 minutes.

**Competition Day is an exciting event that gives our hard-working kids the chance to learn to speak in public and perform well under pressure. Both are crucial career skills that require extensive repetitive practice. Add to these priorities the reality that part of being a good worker is being a thoughtful, respectful co-worker.**

**NO DREAMER LEFT BEHIND!**

**Please note all competitors MUST stay for the completion of their track.**

## Impossible Dreams Fee Information

The Impossible Dreams participation fee is \$45. This includes the Competitor's uniform and badge, 6 general admission tickets, and 4 raffle tickets. This fee is due prior to receiving your Box of Good Things. Participation fees contribute to the facility usage fee and supplies. Financial support is available. If needed, please text Karen at 602-380-3377.

## Impossible Dreams Scoring Information

Each competitor's score is added based on totals from judge score sheets. Based on competitor scores, competitors may earn a ribbon and a bronze, silver, or gold star.

BRONZE STAR	Average of 5-6 points	Total score 80+
SILVER STAR	Average of 7-8 points	Total score 112+
GOLD STAR	Average of 9-10 points	Total score 144+

**IMPORTANT:** This is NOT like a sport, where there is only one first, second or third place winner. This is like a challenge people take on at work, where everyone who achieves a standard gets a reward. There may be 5 bronze, 8 silver and 0 gold star achievers on any given Competition Day.

To highlight teamwork and to add to the experience, the event is also measured via TEAMS. Teams are comprised of individuals sharing the same therapist. Team scores are added and averaged to determine the High Scoring team. The high scoring team gets each team member's name added to the Impossible Dreams trophy. The trophy stays at Arcadia and takes its regular spot at the venue on Competition Day. It's a fun spot for people to visit and remember prior competitions.

Judges determine the scoring given based on the following framework:

0-2	No Skill Visible
3-5	Skills Emerging
6-8	Solid Skills
9-10	Outstanding Work! Would Hire on the Spot.

## Dream Café



*Come ready to eat and drink and shop some Impossible Dreams swag!*

The Dream Café is proudly stocked, supported, and managed by Centennial Builders, LLC. Michelle Pacheco is a gifted chef. She and her husband Gilbert, owners of Centennial Builders, donate all food and drink items. Gift shop items are created and donated by artisans within Arcadia's circle of supporters.

All proceeds from the Dream Café go to support Raising Hope Dogs, the not-for-profit who provides Arcadia with our amazing working dogs. To learn more about Raising Hope, visit them at [RaisingHopeDogs.org](http://RaisingHopeDogs.org).

## A few Final Details...

During each Impossible Dreams cycle expect to receive a few items from your coach:

- This Welcome Packet
  - Impossible Dreams Application
  - Participation Fee Information Sheet
- Rubrics & (Culinary Track only) Envelope of Mystery
- Box of Good Things
  - Competitor uniform
    - NOTE: Repeat chefs may receive kitchen essentials instead*
  - Competitor badge
  - Track Rubric
  - Competitor Track Etiquette
  - 6 General Admission tickets
  - 4 Raffle tickets
  - Dream Café menu & coupons

See you soon!

# Hey Impossible Dreams Parents!

Do you have an occupation or hobby that aligns with any of the Impossible Dreams track options? Parents tell us they love experiencing a different point of view from proud competitor parent to the careful, evaluating position of Impossible Dreams Judge. We aim to provide a variety of qualified, kind, and communicative judges during our Competition Day.

We love our judges and our judges love our Dreamers.

If you're interested in volunteering or know someone who would be, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Karen Rice at 602-380-3377 or Janessa Harrell at 602-741-7700.

