

Dear OMers, Hello !! Hello !! Hello !!

All of our registrations for national membership and the Western PA Regional Tournament will be done online this year. Spontaneous Fun Day registration **CAN NOW BE DONE ON-LINE** at **www.WPAOdyssey.org/SponFunDOLReg.php**. A paper form is also available on the **Forms** page.

The first step must be getting registered with "National ". Go to **www.odysseyofthemind.com** and click the "Register Today " link. Follow the form. Whether paying by credit card, purchase order, or check you will be given direction and information as you complete the form or download and print the forms. When your registration is "complete " you will get your Membership Number, new or existing.

Once you have your Membership # you can use the "**Member Area** " link on the national site to get to the page where you then click on the link "Team Registration ". Here you will need the Membership #. From there follow the instructions to complete the Team Registration. Items bordered in red **MUST** be completed. Be very careful with your Team Member info as it cannot be changed after the forms have been submitted. (If you find you have made a mistake in this area you will need to send an email to me that detail the necessary corrections). Once have clicked "Submit " within a very short time you will receive an automatic response email that will include a Username and a Password that will be required for any future access to the Team Information Area of this site. Please record it with all other team info that you "can't " lose.

Part of the process is your Long Term and Spontaneous Judge info and Volunteer info. You will need one Long Term Judge for each **team** and one Spontaneous Judge for each **membership**. You will need one Spontaneous Judge for Fun day. Neither the Long Term Judge, Spontaneous Judge, nor the Volunteer role may be filled by the same person. The Spontaneous Judge may judge at both Fun Day and the Regional Competition. Dates and times for Judge Training, Fun Day, and the Regional Competition are detailed on the **Events and Dates** page of the website for Western Region PA Odyssey of the Mind. The people you have chosen to fill these vital roles need to go to **www.paodyssey.com** and click on "Regional - Judges " under "Judge Registration" in the window that follows, click "Western Region Regional Tournament". Complete all of the required fields, making sure to use the information that appears on the "Team Membership Card " that comes with team registration packet from the National headquarters as to **team name, division, and Membership #**.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their team has the required judges for the events in which they will participate. Coaches can review their team information, their judge's registration by logging in to the Member Area link at **www.odysseyofthemind.com/members**.

Fees:

National - \$135.00 per membership

Regional - \$50.00 per membership and \$10 per team per problem

Fun Day - \$10.00 per team - see info on Registration Form

State - \$75.00 per team per problem - due only if your team moves on from the regional level to the state tournament. Info will be provided at the Winners Meeting after the Regional Competition. As we begin a pattern of moving the state tournament around the state, the first location will be Mt. Pocono, PA for 2012 and 2013.

If you have questions on any subject PLEASE contact me via email - **wpaodyssey@aol.com** or by phone at any time - **412-527-7324** or at home - **412-795-0759** .

Thank you VERY MUCH for all of the work you do on behalf of the students who gain so much from Odyssey of the Mind !!

Best Regards,

Bill Nimick

Regional Director, WPA