

# ODYSSEY OF THE MIND



creative...divergent thinking...out-of-the-box problem solving...mechanical... artistic...technical...team work...challenging...fun...inventive... **Register TODAY!**

## What is Odyssey of the Mind?

- ◆ International creative problem solving program and competition for grades K-College
- ◆ Located in over 35 states and 25 countries
- ◆ Aligned with STEAM Education, Common Core, & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner Skills.
- ◆ Founded on the premise: **CREATIVE THINKING CAN BE TAUGHT**



## What does an Odyssey Team do?

- ◆ 5-7 students work together to solve an open-ended problem.
- ◆ Problems focus on vehicle, technical, classical, building, or performance elements.
- ◆ Teams present their 8-minute solution at their Regional Tournament with 1st and 2nd place typically advancing to State Finals, then World Finals.



## What's in it for the students?

- ◆ Students learn how to think divergently.
- ◆ Competition focuses on teamwork.
- ◆ Creative use of materials & risk-taking are rewarded.
- ◆ **Develop the life-long skill of Creative Problem Solving!**

## How does Odyssey work in my school?

- ◆ Schools can treat Odyssey as a school sponsored activity, a school sanctioned activity, or a school activity (or club.) Coaches and judges can be parents, teachers (Act 48 Credit is available,) neighbors, family members.



## How does a team get started?

- ◆ Odyssey is open to all types of students in all learning environments. Once a group of parents or administrators secure a sponsoring school or organization, a Membership is purchased which allows access to the full problems. Individual teams then register to compete at their Regional competition.

Generally, each team needs:

- ◆ one or two coaches (to lead long term and spontaneous exercises.)
- ◆ two trained judges (who can be at judge training and work Regionals.)
- ◆ one volunteer (to work a shift at Regionals.)

**Western PA Odyssey of the Mind**

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ITEM	MEMBERSHIP COST	TEAM COST
Odyssey of the Mind Membership – per ENTITY	\$135.00	
Additional Odyssey of the Mind Membership – per ENTITY	(\$100.00)	
Western PA Spontaneous Fun Day fee - per TEAM		\$10.00
W PA Regional Competition Registration Fee - per TEAM		\$100.00
Team Supplies – per TEAM		\$50.00- \$200.00

### Important Western PA DATES FOR 2019-2020

Nov.	Coach Training #1	Keystone Oaks HS
Dec.	Team Theater Wrkshp	Little Lake Theatre
Jan. 15	Deadline to register for the WPA Tournament	
Jan.	Judge Training	Robert Morris Univ
Jan.	Coach Training #2	Robert Morris Univ
Feb.	Spontaneous Fun Day	Linton MS, Penn Hills
Feb. 15	Deadline to submit clarifications	
Mar.	Regional Tournament	Keystone Oaks MS/HS
Apr.	PA State Tournament	Lock Haven University
May	World Finals	Iowa State University