



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, & 21st 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?

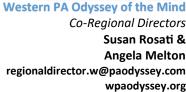
◆ Schools can treat Odyssey as a school sponsored activity, a school sanctioned activity, or a school activity (or club.) Coaches and judges can be parents, teachers (Act 48 Credit is available,) neighbors, family members.

### 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.)





ITEM	MMBSHIP	TEAM COST	impondin western FA DATES FOR 2017-2020		
	COST		Nov.	Coach Training #1	Keystone Oaks HS
Odyssey of the Mind Member-	\$135.00		Dec.	Team Theater Wrkshp	Little Lake Theatre
ship – per ENTITY			Jan. 1	Jan. 15 Deadline to register for the WPA Tournament	
Additional Odyssey of the Mind Membership – per ENTITY	(\$100.00)		Jan.	Judge Training	Robert Morris Univ
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Western PA Spontaneous Fun		\$10.00	Feb.	Spontaneous Fun Day	Linton MS, Penn Hills
Day fee - per TEAM		Feb. 15 Deadline to submit clarifications			ations
W PA Regional Competition Registration Fee - per TEAM		\$100.00	Mar.	Regional Tournament	Keystone Oaks MS/HS
			Apr.	PA State Tournament	Lock Haven University
Team Supplies – per TEAM		\$50.00- \$200.00	May	World Finals	Iowa State University

