



COLORADO ODYSSEY

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What Is Odyssey of the Mind?

- An extra-curricular creative problem solving program for kids
- Teams choose one of 5 competitive problems or K-2nd grade can choose a Primary Problem to solve
- Teams compete by age division: Division I-5th grade or younger; Division II-6th-8th grade; Division III-9th-12th grade
- In the process of solving their problem, children learn to think outside the box, work together to develop creative solutions to broadly defined problems, and present their solution in an 8 minute performance

What Are The Important Dates?

- Information Night: October 9th, 2018
- Team Kick Off Night: TBD
- Judges Training ½ Day: Sat. February 2, 2019
- State Tournament (all day): Sat. April 6, 2019
- Child Sign Up Due: Friday, October 26th, 2018
- Coaches Training ½ Day: Sat. November 3, 2018
- Regional Tournament (all day): Sat. March 2, 2019
- World Finals: May 22nd – May 26th Michigan State Univ.

Who Can Participate?

- Teams consist of no more than 7 kids and are organized by Divisions
- Primary consists of Kindergarten – 2nd grade
- Division 2 consists of 6th – 8th graders
- Division 1 consists of 3rd – 5th graders
- Division 3 consists of 9th – 12th graders

How Much Does It Cost?

- A national membership to Odyssey of the Mind is \$135 and allows the school to field 1 team/problem/division plus 3 Primary teams
- The tournament fee for each team is \$75 for Div I-III & \$50 for Primary (K-2)
- Riffenburgh PTO pays all registration fees. Parent cost varies by team and consists of supplies needed and snacks.

What Is Required From Parents?

- Parent involvement is important as the program is completely run by volunteers
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer to coach. Don't worry, no specials skills needed and Colorado Odyssey provides training, mentoring, guidance and more!
- **Each team is required to provide a judge and a volunteer for tournament day**
- Judges must attend a half day judges training, usually held on a Saturday in February

Where Can I Learn More?

- Websites: www.coloradoodyssey.org or www.odysseyofthemind.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coloradoodyssey>

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Child's Name: _____ Child's Teacher/Grade: _____

Parent's Names: _____ Parent's Phones: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Long Term Problem Preference - My child would like to be on a team that is solving one of the following problems:

#1: _____ #2: _____ #3: _____

I am willing to volunteer as a: Coach Judge Volunteer Other

Notes/Requests to be on a team with another student: _____

*****Please return a signed waiver with this form*****

2018-2019 Long-Term Problem Synopses*

All problems have an 8-minute time limit.

Problem 1: OMER to the Rescue, Again

Divisions I, II & III

Who better to help those in distress than OMER? In this problem, OMER and his trusty Sidekick travel to different places with suitcases holding all of the parts of an OMER-mobile vehicle! OMER and his Sidekick will assemble and ride on the vehicle where it will function in different ways to “save the day.” Between attempts, the vehicle will be disassembled, put back into the suitcases, and taken to a different area where it will be reassembled and driven again. Finally, the OMER-mobile is thrown a hero’s parade as a show of appreciation!

Problem 2: Hidden In Plain Sight

Divisions I, II, III & IV

Teams take a cue from nature in this problem where they create and build a team-made mechanical creature that hides in plain sight. The creature will change its appearance three times to avoid being detected by a Searcher Character trying to find it. The way the creature changes will be different each time! The team will create and present a performance where its creature gets into – or out of – various situations using this resourceful skill. In the end the creature will surprise everyone by changing its appearance a final time and reveal its true self.

Problem 3: Classics... Leonardo’s Workshop

Divisions I, II, III & IV

Imagine how inspiring Leonardo DaVinci’s (LDV) workshop must have been. Teams will portray his workplace in an original, creative performance that includes LDV, a patron, and a naysayer. The team will recreate a DaVinci painting, make a three-dimensional representation of one of his works, and recreate another LDV work in any form the team wishes. There will also be an original “debunked” creation that LDV “invented” but discarded because it was mocked. Ironically, the item will be shown as something commonly used in modern times.

Problem 4: Structure Toss

Divisions I, II, III & IV

Step right up and put your structure to the test! Teams must strategize risk for points and “toss” their structures in this year’s problem-turned-carnival. They will use a device to propel the structure in a carnival game. If it travels in the air it gets higher score! Once the structure has been successfully tossed, it can be tested for strength. A carnival barker character will entice other characters to join the fun during a performance that incorporates testing the structure’s strength with creative games of skill and chance.

Problem 5: Opposites Distract

Divisions I, II, III & IV

Disagreements can distract groups from seeing the bigger picture. Teams will create and present a humorous performance about a sneaky character that distracts others while trying to take control of anything the team wishes. In the performance it will lure others into silly arguments and be successful two times. The arguments will be presented using different dramatic styles and will include attention-getting effects. In the end, the groups will learn that they have been intentionally distracted and will catch the sneaky character before it takes control.

Primary: Museum Makers

Grades K-2

Kids can see the extraordinary in the ordinary. Now they will use that ability to create their own museum! The team will create and present an original museum and its exhibits. During the performance, the team will reveal three creative displays that explain the theme of the museum and show off team-made items. A tour guide will take audiences on a journey through the museum to meet a humorous artist and a curator.

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Odyssey of the Mind Sign Up

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