



Odyssey of the Mind

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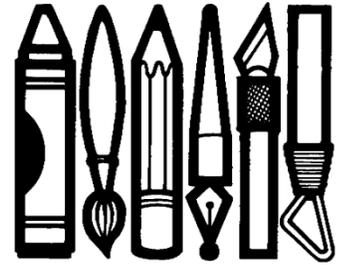
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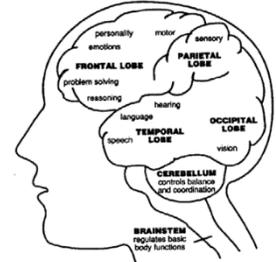
BUILDING



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USING YOUR BRAIN

Then you're going to love Odyssey of the Mind!!!

What: [Odyssey of the Mind](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com), an International Creativity Competition. (www.odysseyofthemind.com)

Who: Teams of 5-7 students (facilitated by teacher or parent coaches) decide upon a challenge problem to develop a long-term solution. Some problems are theatrical, some are technical and some are both! Teams write their own plays, create their own scenery and props, and address the challenge as creatively as possible given a limited budget! On competition day, teams present their solution and also solve a spontaneous challenge. To check out amazing past-year performances, go to YouTube and search for *Odyssey of the Mind World Finals*! Check out this year's problems at <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com> or www.novasouth.org click on Synopses.

When / Where: Teams will meet at a time, day, and location that works for the team members. Generally, teams meet weekly in the beginning and perhaps twice a week as the regional competition approaches on 17th March, 2018 at Manassas Park HS. Teams winning at regional competitions advance to the State tournament in April and possibly to the World Finals in May.

Next Steps: Come with your parents to parent meeting to learn more. If you like what you hear, register for OOTM and work with your assigned team and problem.

Results: OOTM has been active in Floris ES for past few years with good results, we had 2 first place teams (i.e. [won regionals](#)) that went on to be placed 4th/8th in State finals. Simply put kids have fun, develop skills, work as a team and compete with other teams.

Video Intro: <http://youtu.be/zcvHQ5xRpQs>

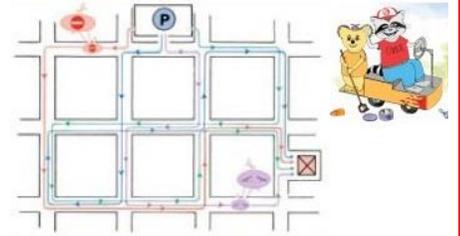
Parent meeting	October 3 rd at 7pm, Little Theatre, Floris ES
Initial Registration	October 7 th through October 20 th at florispta.org
Team Formation (by PTA)	October 25 th
Coaches Training (novasouth.org)	November 11 th
Tournament Date	March 17 th 2018

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2017-2018 Problem Summaries

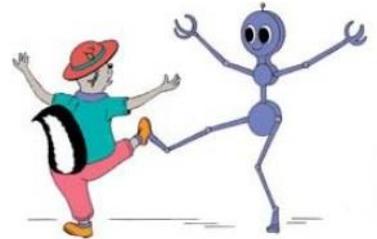
Problem 1: Triathlon Travels

On your mark...get set...go! In this problem, teams will ride on and drive original vehicles in an Odyssey-style triathlon. They will try to score in “curling,” hit the right targets when “jousting,” and “run track” by navigating a course in two directions. Between these events, the team will entertain the audience and the vehicle will change appearance. All of the action will take place in a team-created performance that features the vehicles’ triathlon travels, a commentator, and a coach.



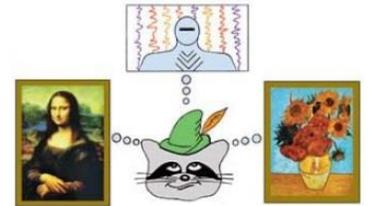
Problem 2: Emoji, Speak for yourself

Three-dimensional emoji's will be used to communicate the life story of a once famous, but now forgotten, emoji. Teams will create a performance where the emoji's demonstrate special functions like growing, turning into a team member, and changing into a different emoji. Performances will also include a choreographed dance, a technical representation of texting, and sounds to enhance the performance. The twist? No spoken language is allowed.



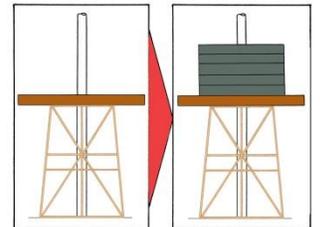
Problem 3: Classics... Mockumentary! Seriously?

There are often two sides to the same story. In this problem, characters don't always agree as they recount the classic story where they appeared. The team will select a classic from a list and present different characters in a humorous documentary-style performance where details are added, denied, exaggerated, and disputed. There will be interviews, behind-the-scenes “clips,” and voice-overs that take the audience through the story and help present the events as they “really” took place. Whose side will you be on?



Problem 4: Animal House

Over the years, Odyssey of the Mind teams have designed structures that changed into many unbelievable shapes and sizes that balanced and held as much weight as possible. This year, teams will turn their balsa wood structures into animals! Since animals need to eat, they must be fed. The structure will have its appearance transformed and explained during an original performance. During the performance, the structure must hold the team-created food while it supports weights.



Problem 5: A Stellar Hangout

In the outreaches of the universe, there is an Intergalactic Hangout where all sorts of creatures from different worlds stop, eat, refuel, and relax. Teams will create a humorous performance centered on this science fiction hangout that includes original creatures, foods, and a search for space treasure. There will also be a worker character, entertainment, and a futuristic map at the hangout.

Primary: We're Cooking Now! (Grades K-2 only)

Creativity heats up as teams create their own cooking show where a chef gives an original cooking lesson to a special guest. The show takes place from a creative kitchen where balsa wood is used to support a cookbook, a bowl, and an object of the team's choosing. A special guest will visit and learn to cook from the chef by using team-created representations of food. Performances will also include a name for the show, theme music, and a story about the meal they are cooking.



p.s. All registrations are accepted first-come, first-served. Placement in a team is not guaranteed and is dependent on the availability of coaches and the problem choice. Parent coaches have a choice of selecting up to three children including their own. There is no cost at this time to register for OOTM, but there will be a small fee for expenses after teams are formed. The team must compete in the lowest division for which it qualifies.

