

Odyssey of the Mind

Creative Problem Solving Competition

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in trying out for OotM. We will begin a try-out process for CPS-Odyssey of the Mind during the next few weeks. Going through this process will allow you and your child an opportunity to decide if you would like to participate on a team for Odyssey of the Mind. A parent meeting will follow the try-out period where we will discuss everything in detail in order for you to understand the commitment.

It is VERY important that this be a family decision. More information explaining the commitments that are required if your family wishes to participate will be coming soon. If you are unsure at this time then just encourage your child to participate since you DO NOT have to MAKE a final decision just yet. It is important that you and your child understand the scope of the requirements before any final decisions are made about participating. Middle School OotM is something new for them and I want to confirm they will do weekly homework. Some will be emailed back and some will be brought to meetings. We want to make this a great experience for all! The most important thing we do as a team is solve the problem. If your child does not come with completed assignments, then we cannot solve the problem.

Once the team is formed there will be a \$100 fee for November- March. This fee will help pay for registration and for other important supplies.

You may visit the official web-site at: www.OdysseyoftheMind.com for more information on the program. The other sites available are www.FloridaOdysseyoftheMind.com & Sun Region: www.peedeekay.com/sunmain.htm

Please return this form after you and your child have discussed the possibilities.

Please indicate your interest level below: (Check all that apply)

I would like for my child to be involved in the try-out period.

I can **COACH**. (no experienced required)

I can be an Assistant **Coach** (no experienced required)

I can help by donating some time to help the team---shopping, coming in a few times, helping the coach clean up or set up, etc...

I can help with spontaneous practice-set up practice problems

I can do team shopping for supplies with list provided by team. **IMPORTANT JOB**

Parent Signature _____

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Child: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone Numbers:

Home: _____ Cell: _____

Parent e-mail: _____

Please give ALL times of any activities your child attends or will attend during this school year. Please understand that the week of the competition your child will have to attend extra OotM team meetings/practice sessions. There are NO exceptions since we need the whole team in order to practice. **may do a weekend practice here and there???

Once a team is formed they will meet **1 time per week and have weekly homework assignments. More practice time may be needed for special projects.**

*The week of the competition the team will meet more often or on the weekend to practice performance many times.

*Teacher Work Days or Holidays we will meet **except** Thanksgiving and Winter.

***They will have HOMEWORK** during the holidays that is VERY important and must be completed so the team will be ready to build props.

After School Schedule-MUST BE COMPLETED-include starting & ending times. We need to find a common time to meet! We need one day from 4:30-5:45 to meet as a team.

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Comments or questions? Please email: Joyce.Barnett@sarasotacountyschools.net

Circle Mornings they are free M T W Th F

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KEEP this paper so you have all the dates for this year.

Dates for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

No School Friday, October 19, Monday, January 21 and Monday, February 18- practice days-time will come when date is closer----
January and Feb. for sure LONG work days to make props and costumes!!!!
We may substitute some of these dates for weekend practice sessions depending on schedules.

ALL REQUIRED TO ATTEND:

Saturday, January 26—**Spontaneous Workshop**
Pelican Elementary, Cape Coral

ALL REQUIRED TO ATTEND: All will ATTEND

Regional Competition:

Saturday, March 2---all DAY—ends around 6:30/7PM
South Fort Myers High School, Ft. Myers

Extra Practice after school that week: Team members will have to MISS any other activities they are involved with that week to stay and practice for 1st competition. We may just practice the weekend before to make it easier on schedules.

ONLY IF THE TEAM MAKES IT TO NEXT LEVEL WILL THEY ATTEND...

State Competition:

Saturday, April 6

Will go on Friday, April 5 to see site and practice—be there by 5PM to leave hotel
*Student will be absent from school with a field trip form.

University of Central Florida, Orlando

Extra Practice days before STATE: —MUST attend these practice sessions. The whole team must be there to practice. Will have to miss any other activities that week. Will let you know depending on our schedule.

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World Finals:

Wednesday, May 22-May 25-returning to Sarasota on Sunday, May 26
East Lansing Michigan, Michigan State University

Extra Practice dates that team must attend before World are:

Monday-Thursday, May 13-16---last full practice sessions as a team before we head off to World.

ONLY IF WE MAKE IT THERE!!!!



Interested Team Member Name: _____

What school did you attend last year? _____

Did you ever participate in Odyssey of the Mind? Yes or No

If yes...

What was the name of the school? _____

How many years? _____

What problems did you do?

What place did your team get? (include year example 2017= 1st 2016= 4th)

Regionals: _____

State: _____

World: _____

Do you have any special skills? _____

List all of them?

Which types spontaneous problems are your favorite?

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Why do you want to do Odyssey of the Mind?

Why is teamwork important?

Any other information you would like to share about yourself.

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