

Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem solving competition that gives students and opportunity to stretch their minds, work cooperatively toward a common goal, and accomplish more than they ever dreamed they could. It takes **dedication and commitment** to complete the experience.

Parent permission is mandatory as each student's family is expected to actively contribute to the team experience. The following information should be read carefully. Applications must be completed and returned by:

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Main Rule: All work must be done by the students. No outside assistance is allowed. Direct adult help in the problem-solving process will disqualify the team, but adults can assist in directing the students to information or resources.

The Teams: Each team is composed of five to seven students, two adult coaches, one adult volunteer for the day of regional competition, and one regional competition judge who will have an additional full-day training commitment. Total adult help for each team is four adults.

Team Meetings: Each team will set its own meeting schedule and location. Most or all meetings will be outside of school approximately once a week until regional competition draws closer. The last few weeks before regional competition may require more frequent meetings.

Team Selection: Students who come to the meeting with a coach and team members in attendance will be given problem preference. Remaining students will be placed on a team based on the number of coaches and the problem selected as soon as possible after the October 3rd deadline.

Cost: Each student will pay a \$15.00 non-refundable fee at the time of application. Hardship cases will be considered. Checks should be made payable to WCES. Only students not placed on a team will be refunded the fee.

Important Dates:

New Coaches Training – October 5 @ TEWMS @ 6:30 p.m. media

Regional Competition - March 1 Charles S. Rushe Middle School – all day

State Competition – April 12; Univ. of Central Florida, Orlando – all day

NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS:

In order to field any Odyssey teams this year, we must have approved adult volunteers to coach. In the even that no one volunteers to coach, the \$15.00 fee will be returned to each student.