

Florida Odyssey of the Mind

WELCOME TO



15th Annual
Manatee Regional Tournament
March 2, 2019

CREATIVITY FINDS A WAY.

WELCOME TO THE 2019 MANATEE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT!

This year we have 27 teams representing 11 different schools and organizations in Northeast Florida!

This regional tournament simply is not possible without an incredible group of people who have donated their time and efforts to help make this day a success. School coordinators, coaches, teachers, parents, families, judges, workers, board members, and guests have all played a part. It is because of you we are able to share this incredible experience with so many students in our northeast Florida communities. You all truly embody the Spirit of Odyssey!

We also owe a huge thank you to the administration, teachers, and staff at our fantastic tournament venue, Gamble Rogers Middle School! Please take the time to thank the custodial staff—and to make their jobs easier, please pick up after yourselves and those around you.

While regional tournament is our immediate goal, many of our teams will be moving on to represent the Manatee Region at the 2019 State Tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando! Top teams from each division in each problem and all Ranatra Fusca winners, teams and individual's teams, will advance to the State level of competition. Everyone is invited to cheer us on at UCF on Saturday, April 6th!

On behalf of the Odyssey of the Mind Manatee Regional Board, congratulations and good luck to each of our team members and coaches. You have already accomplished so much!!

Amanda Zikos
Manatee Regional Director
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:15 AM	Team Registration Opens
9:00 AM - 3:20 PM	Team Competitions
8:15 AM - 3:30 PM	Sales
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	OMERfest
10:30 AM	Weigh-In Opens
3:00 PM	Cake Walk
4:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
After Awards	Score Distribution
After Awards	State Finalist Coach Meeting

GENERAL INFORMATION

SALES: Be sure to pick up your 2019 souvenirs in our Sales area (Room 815). Silly hats and Pin Collecting are long standing Odyssey traditions! Cash and checks are preferred, but credit cards are accepted. All profits go directly to our region.

OMERfest: All our guests are welcome to come have fun with games, puzzles, a selfie-station, and more at OMERfest. There may even be some special guests...

CAKE WALK: Each team will receive tickets to participate in the Cake Walk held at 3:00 near OMERfest.

CAMPUS LITTER: Please show respect to the campus by ensuring all trash is picked up. After all, we are guests here and have been given a great opportunity to hold our tournament at such a wonderful campus. We want to be invited back — help us be the best guests ever!

WHAT IS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND?

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program founded in 1978 by Dr. Sam Micklus, Professor Emeritus, Glassboro State College, New Jersey. Today, hundreds of thousands of students in all fifty states and over thirty countries participate annually.

Creative Problem-Solving

Teams of students, under the guidance of a coach, pool their diverse talents to find innovative solutions to the annual long-term problems. Problems may involve building mechanical devices such as spring-driven cars or giving their own portrayals of classical literature.

Outside Assistance

The primary emphasis in the Odyssey of the Mind program is "**the kids do it all.**" No adult or child not on the team is allowed to offer any help or advice in solving the long-term problem. Teams are penalized for outside assistance.

Membership

A school or community organization may purchase a national membership. The membership will allow the school to field one team in each long-term problem for each division the school covers. The exception to this rule is the primary division (K-2) in which a membership can field multiple teams. Most elementary schools are Division I, middle schools are Division II, and high schools are Division III.

Divisions

Primary	Grades K through 2 (Non-competitive)
Division I	Grades 3 through 5
Division II	Grades 6 through 8
Division III	Grades 9 through 12
Division IV	Collegiate

2018-19 long-Term Problem Synopses

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!

Hide 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

OMER TO THE RESCUE, AGAIN

**PROBLEM CAPTAINS:
DOUG MERCER
CHAS O'BRIEN**



DIVISION I

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
09:00AM	CUNNINGHAM CREEK ELE SCH #24404	11:00AM
09:20AM	LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY #41224	11:40AM
09:40AM	PK YONGE DEV RESEARCH SCH #40694	11:20AM

DIVISION II

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
10:20AM	PIONEER SCHOOL #45256	01:40PM

LONG-TERM PROBLEMS

Each team here today has been working for up to six months to solve their long-term problem. The team, *and only the team*, must create EVERYTHING that is used in the solution of their problem. This includes: costumes, props, scripts, and anything else that enhances their problem solution.

The Long-term portion of the competition is worth 200 of the 350 total points.

HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT



PROBLEM CAPTAINS:

SHELBY
MONTAGUE

KARI BRUCE

DIVISION I

Long-term

02:40PM

Member

WARDS CREEK ELE SCH #38931

Spontaneous

10:40AM

DIVISION II

Long-term

02:20PM

Member

DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL SOUTHSIDE #43897

Spontaneous

11:00AM

DIVISION III

Long-term

02:00PM

Member

ST JOHNS PUBLIC LIBRARY #39111

Spontaneous

10:00AM

STYLE is an added element that enhances the presentation of a team's Long-term solution. It is the WOW FACTOR! This portion of the competition gives teams an opportunity to further showcase their talents and creativity while elaborating on their Long-term problem solutions. In addition to required style elements, each problem also has free choice style categories that are determined by the team. **Style is part of the Long-term performance and is worth 50 of the 350 total points.**

LEONARDO'S WORKSHOP



**PROBLEM CAPTAIN:
SHERI MERCER**

DIVISION I

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
09:40AM	JULINGTON CREEK ELE SCH #23962	01:00PM
10:00AM	LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY #41224	01:20PM

DIVISION II

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
10:40AM	ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCH #44171	02:20PM
11:00AM	PIONEER SCHOOL #45256	02:40PM
11:20AM	LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY #41224	03:00PM

DIVISION III

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
12:00PM	DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL SOUTHSIDE #43897	09:00AM
12:20PM	PK YONGE DEV RESEARCH SCH #40694	09:20PM
12:40PM	SONSHINE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY #46344	09:40AM



STRUCTURE TOSS

**PROBLEM CAPTAIN:
THAD BOGGS**

DIVISION I

Long-term

12:40PM

Member

DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL SOUTHSIDE #43897

Spontaneous

09:20PM

DIVISION II

Long-term

01:00PM

Member

DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL SOUTHSIDE #43897

Spontaneous

09:40AM

WEIGH-IN OPENS AT 10:30 AM

Structure Teams: Plan on being in Weigh-in at least ONE hour prior to your performance time.

At weigh-in, the structure will be checked to ensure it meets all requirements. At least one team member **MUST** go to weigh-in with their structure and anything else required by the problem. All of the team members **MAY** go to weigh-in, but no one else, not even the coach, may go with the team.

SPECIAL THANKS to Pedro Menendez High School for allowing us to use their weights!

OPPOSITES DISTRACT



PROBLEM CAPTAIN: AMY OWENS

DIVISION I

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
09:40AM	DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL SOUTHSIDE #43897	02:40PM
10:00 AM	**BREAK**	**
10:20AM	WARDS CREEK ELE SCH #38931	12:20PM
10:40AM	ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCH #34593	12:40PM
11:00AM	JULINGTON CREEK ELE SCH #23962	01:00PM
11:20 AM	**BREAK**	**
11:40AM	PK YONGE DEV RESEARCH SCH #40694	01:40PM
12:00PM	ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCH #44171	01:20PM
12:20PM	CUNNINGHAM CREEK ELE SCH #24404	02:20PM
12:40PM	RICHARD L BROWN ELE SCH-GT #14349	03:00PM

DIVISION III

Long-term	Member	Spontaneous
09:00AM	ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCH #34593	10:20AM
09:20PM	PK YONGE DEV RESEARCH SCH #40694	10:40AM

MUSEUM MAKERS

**PROBLEM CAPTAIN:
ASHLEY HOFFMAN**



Primary division is for students in kindergarten through second grades and is a great way to introduce younger students to the Odyssey program! This non-competitive space allows teams to grow together creatively while placing an emphasis on teamwork and cooperative problem solving. Problems range from structure building to comedy performance and vary year to year! The primary division not only prepares teams for upper divisions in Odyssey of the Mind but also for the real life situations that require the skills developed while competing.

If you would like more information regarding starting a Primary team, please contact Ashley Hoffman at mohrhorn@gmail.com.

SPONTANEOUS

PROBLEM CAPTAIN: JULIE MOUGEY

Unlike Long-term Problems, Spontaneous problems are TOP SECRET and known only to our spontaneous judges. Teams have no idea what problem they will be asked to solve until they enter the Spontaneous room. They may be required to respond verbally, actively, or both. Coaches or spectators are not allowed in the Spontaneous rooms. **The Spontaneous Score is worth 100 of the 350 total points.**

**TEAM REMINDER:
MAKE SURE TO CHECK-IN AT SPONTANEOUS
(ROOM 310) AT LEAST 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO
YOUR SCHEDULED TIME!**

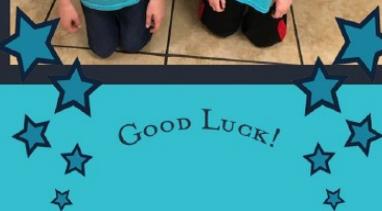
SPECIAL HONORS

RANATRA FUSCA CREATIVITY AWARD

The Ranatra represents the essence of Odyssey of the Mind. This high honor is presented to teams or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity, either through some aspect of their problem solution or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution. A successful problem solution is not a criterion for winning the award; rather, the award is a way to acknowledge and encourage creative thinking and risk-taking.

OMER'S AWARD

This award is named for the Odyssey of the Mind raccoon mascot, OMER, in recognition of individuals or teams who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary behavior, or exceptional talent. Recipients of this award may be coaches, team members, parents, officials or anyone else that tournament officials or directors feel exhibit these traits. This award is not intended to reward creativity. Anyone may inform a tournament official of a possible OMER's Award candidate. That official will then determine if that person should be nominated. All nominees are reviewed by a panel that determines the final recipients.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PROBLEM 5, DIVISION 1

Liberty Pines Academy Omer to the Rescue

Monica Posina
Kingsley Nicholas
Jeevan Iyengar
Connor Yates
Nathan Waggoner
Persephone Barnhart
Tyler Burgoon

What an amazing season! You guys worked incredibly hard, learned new things and had a lot of laughs along the way. Have fun today!



Good Luck, Wards Creek Elementary Problem 2!

Jackson Bastow, Bella
Pettit, Faith Vaughn,
Camryn Smith, Elle
Plott, Payton Gordley,
and Victoria Darnell



Manatee Region
would like to thank
Publix for providing
our officials with
their lunches!

**Julington Creek
Elementary
Jazzy Jaguars**



**Good Luck at Regionals!!
Problem #3**

**Ayden, Brie, Ellie, Kendra, Kiko, Ryder
and Saylor**

**Wards Creek Elementary
Odyssey Team 5**



**Good Luck
Harrison, Sanjeet,
Kaleb, Kaleea, Chloe,
Carter & Oskar!**

Good luck!

**Meika, Matt, Anabelle, Anabel,
Dorothy, Kara, and Charlie**



St. Joseph Catholic School



Division 2 - Problem 3



**ST. PAUL'S
Catholic Church**



Good Luck!



**Division I Problem 5
Henry, Ali, Chloe, EvieM'ree,
Isabella, & Ryan**

Weller/Weller High School



Spontaneous



Poole/Moody High School

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**Good luck to our
2019
P.K. Yonge
Odyssey of the Mind
Teams**

Creativity

Out of the Box

Kang Elementary School



Indawaris/Faulkner
Elementary School



ST. PAUL'S
Catholic Church

Good Luck!



Division III Problem 5
Josie, Rhee, Magdalene, Jordan,
& Isabelle

Julington Creek Elementary Team Apolinario

Division 1 Problem 5

Congratulations of lessons learned, lots of fun, and new friends!

Back row: Gabi Allen, Kush Shah, Delia McKay
Front row: Carley Rollin, Evan Sharabi,
Manika Agarwal, Harrison Leddy



HELP US GROW!

Please help us grow the Manatee Region by liking us on Facebook!

Don't forget to tag us in your photos today too!
#manateeodyssey

**BUT REMEMBER...
DON'T POST ANY PICTURES
THAT GIVE AWAY YOUR LONG-
TERM SOLUTION!**



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Hiding in Plain Sight DIV III

GOOD LUCK TEAM!



2019 Spring Break Camp

SWAMPED!

March 18 – 23
10 AM – 1 PM
Registration: \$150

Grades
K – 3

2019 Summer Camps

SHREK the Musical Jr

June 3 – 28
Monday – Friday
10 AM – 1 PM
Registration: \$450

Grades
6+

Performances on:
June 28-29 @ 7:30 PM
June 30 @ 2:00 PM

Disney
FREAKY FRIDAY
A NEW MUSICAL

June 10 – July 5
Monday – Friday
2 PM – 5 PM
Registration: \$450

Grades
9-12

Performances on:
July 5-6 @ 7:30 PM
July 7 @ 2:00 PM

Disney
101 Dalmatians
KIDS

July 1 – July 11
Monday – Friday
10 AM – 4 PM
Registration: \$405

Grades
K+

Performances on:
July 12-13 @ 7:30 PM
July 14 @ 2:00 PM

BUGZ

July 15 – 19
10 AM – 1 PM
Grades K – 3
Registration: \$150

Showcase:
July 19 @ 1 PM

*The Ultimate Gettin' Down
with Mama Goose*

July 22 – 26
10 AM – 1 PM
Grades K – 3
Registration: \$150

Showcase:
July 26 @ 1 PM

Lemonade!

July 29 – Aug. 2
10 AM – 1 PM
Grades K – 3
Registration: \$150

Showcase:
August 2 @ 1 PM

To register visit

www.limelight-theatre.org or call the

Box Office at (904) 825-1164.



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR SOUVENIRS! ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE REGION!

Florida Odyssey of the Mind—2019 Apparel



Front

Youth Medium to Adult 3X

2019
State Tee
\$15.00

PLEASE NOTE:
Assortment of sizes, styles, and colors will vary by region in the hoodies and the dorm pants.



Youth Medium to Adult 2X

Sample color shown – Actual color selection will vary by region.

Dorm Pants
\$23.00




Hoodies
\$27.00

Adult XS to Adult 3X

Adult XS to Adult 3X

Adult XS is comparable to a Youth Large. Style and color selection will vary by region.

Manatee Region Tees \$12



Florida Naturally
Horseshoe Crab Pin



\$5.00

State Pin

PIN COLLECTING

Pin collecting is an Odyssey tradition. Every year at World Finals, teams bring pins from all over the world to trade. How many pins do you have?

 <p>Problem 1</p> <p>OMER to the Rescue Again</p>	PROBLEM PINS \$4.00	<p>Structure Toss</p>  <p>Problem 4</p>	
<p>Problem 2</p>  <p>Hide in Plain Sight</p>		<p>Problem 5</p>  <p>Opposites Distract</p>	
<p>Leonardo's Workshop</p>  <p>Problem 3</p>		CHARMS \$2.00	<p>Museum Makers</p>  <p>Primary</p>
 <p>OMER Charm</p>		<p>Spontaneous</p> 	<p>2019 Florida Charm</p> 



**TWISTED
OKIE**

Midwest BBQ with a "lil" **TEX-MEX** Twist



THANK YOU
to all our food
trucks today!

Don't forget they
are donating a
portion of their
proceeds to
Manatee
Odyssey!



HAMSTER TIME!



human powered
SNO-CONES

STATE ELIGIBILITY FORMULA

1. Determine the total number of teams for each Long-Term Problem/division in the state.
2. Determine the total number of teams invited to State for each Long-Term Problem/division based on a maximum number of 18 teams per problem/division.
3. Divide the number of teams (step 1) into the number of teams per region.
4. Using the numbers determined in Step 3, multiply these numbers by the total number of teams invited to State.
5. This will equal the number of teams from each region invited to State Tournament. All first place teams from each region will be invited to State.
6. In addition to the teams invited to State based on score placement, teams and individuals receiving a Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award in either the Long-Term problem or Spontaneous will be invited to the State Tournament.

Teams who fail to meet the Spirit of the Problem will not be invited to State.



AUTOGRAPHS

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!

THANK YOU

to all of our officials, workers, volunteers, board members, school coordinators, coaches, parents, team members, family, and friends!

THANK YOU

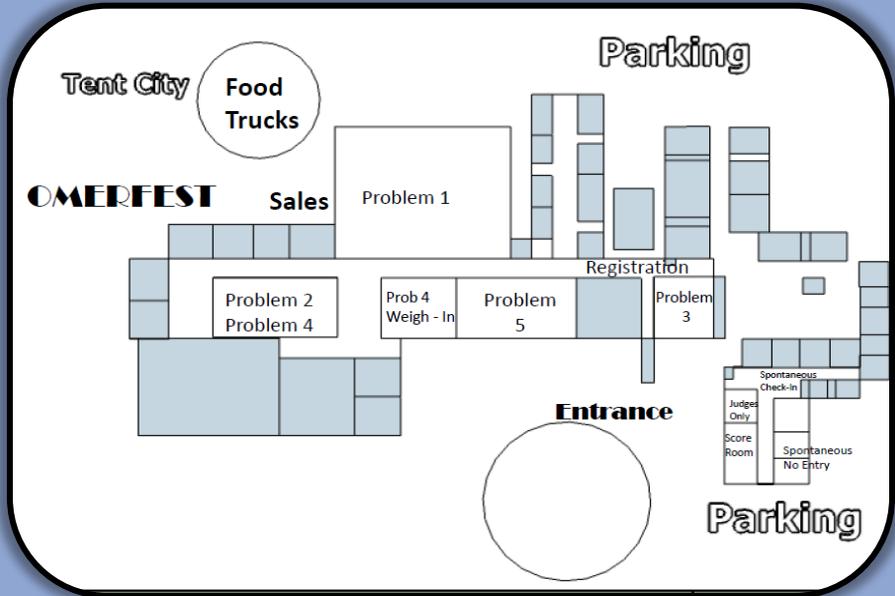
to Limelight Theatre, River City Science Academy — Innovation, Bartram Trail Public Library, and Wards Creek Elementary for hosting various events throughout the year!

2018-2019

Manatee Regional Board

Amanda ZikosRegional Director
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Chas O'Brien.....Hospitality Coordinator

GAMBLE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL



PROBLEM SITES

Problem 1: Omer to the Rescue, Again Cafeteria
 Problem 2: Hide in Plain Sight Gym
 Problem 3: Leonardo's Workshop Library
 Problem 4: Structure Toss Gym
 Weigh In.....Multi Purpose Room
 Problem 5: Opposites Distract..... Auditorium
 Spontaneous Check-In Room 310

OTHER AREAS TO VISIT

Sales Room 815
 Registration/Information..... Main Hallway
 Cake Drop Off OMERFest
 Cake Walk (Starts @ 3PM) OMERFest
 OMERfest Near Bus Loop
 Awards Ceremony (4PM) Gym
 State Finalist Meeting after Awards Room 330