



# Odyssey of the Mind<sup>®</sup> Newsletter

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## Odyssey of the Mind 2008 WF



*Clockwise from top: Teams await results at the Awards Ceremony. A Tee Structure team gets ready for Opening Ceremonies. A Texas team member admires his team's trophy. Dr. Sam congratulates an excited award winner.*

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**E**ach year the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals gets bigger and better. During the Awards Ceremony Dr. Sam said, "This has been the best World Finals yet!" Here are some highlights:

- ▶ **The University of Maryland** once again proved to be a welcoming host. This was the seventh World Finals held there.
- ▶ There was also another record-breaking year for attendance with **844** teams from **31** U.S. states and **12** other countries. Another reason World Finals was so successful was because of its dedicated **440** OotM volunteers.
- ▶ **China** had the most championship teams with five. **Georgia** and **Singapore** each had three, **Poland** and **Vermont** had two. **Arizona**, **California**, **Florida**, **Michigan**, **New York**, and **Virginia** each had one championship team. Congratulations to every team.
- ▶ **NASA** gave students a chance to learn even more about earth sciences with popular daily classroom activities. Participants were taught interesting lessons from a NASA scientist and took part in fun hands-on activities.
- ▶ **The Burton Middle School** team won a special OMER's award for generously designing an artificial limb for a fellow classmate, it also gave daily presentations about the project.



# Congratulations

## Odyssey Road Rally

### Div I

- 1st & Ranatra Fusca POINCIANA ELE M/S/T SCH Boynton Beach, FL
- 2nd ROCKENBAUGH ELE SCH Southlake, TX
- 3rd WOODWARD NORTH ACADEMY TM A Duluth, GA
- 4th EBENEZER ELE SCH Lebanon, PA
- 5th SHARON ELE SCH Charlotte, NC
- 6th LINDEN HILL ELE SCH Wilmington, DE
- 6th BAOSHAN ROAD PRIMARY SCH Shanghai, CH

### Div II

- 1st ZESPOL SZKOL TAK W OPOLU Opole, PD
- 2nd ST JOHN NEUMANN ELE SCH Williamsport, PA
- 3rd NOTRE DAME ACADEMY Duluth, GA
- 4th OWASSO 6TH GRADE CENTER Owasso, OK
- 5th NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY SCH TM A New Hampton, IA
- 6th HB DUPONT MID SCH TM A Hockessin, DE

### Div III

- 1st HAYES FOUNDATION Castleton, VT
- 2nd TEMPE PREP ACADEMY TM B Chandler, AZ
- 3rd MIAMI CORAL PARK SR HS Miami, FL
- 3rd COGINCHAUG REGIONAL HS Durham, CT
- 3rd THOMAS JEFFERSON HS TM B Vienna, VA
- 4th VINELAND HS Vineland, NJ
- 5th CORUNNA HS Corunna, MI
- 6th SAN RAMON VALLEY HS TM A Alamo, CA
- 6th ST JOHN NEUMANN HS Williamsport, PA

## DinoStories

### Div I

- 1st NO 15 PRI SCH/XIANGZHOU DIST Z Shanghai, CH
- 2nd EJ RUSSELL ELE SCH Pine Bush, NY
- 3rd CRESTVIEW ELE SCH Greer, SC
- 4th TC WALKER ELE SCH Gloucester, VA
- 5th GYESEONG ELE SCH Gyeongnam, KR
- 6th OAK MEADOW ELE SCH El Dorado Hills, CA

### Div II

- 1st & Ranatra Fusca FUSHAN JIUJIANG TOWN MID SCH Fushan, CH
- 2nd POK OI HOSP CHAN KAI MEM COLL Kowloon, HK
- 3rd HB DUPONT MID SCH TM A Hockessin, DE
- 4th MORAGA ROTARY CLUB TM A Moraga, CA
- 4th SUMTER COUNTY MID SCH Americus, GA
- 5th RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH, Singapore
- 6th SHERBURNE-EARLVILLE MID SCH Sherburne, NY

### Div III

- 1st IRONDEQUOIT HS Rochester, NY
- 2nd Monroe-Woodbury HS, Central Valley, NY
- 2nd & Ranatra Fusca OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI I WYKONSTWOWANIA, PL
- 3rd HUNTER TANNERSVILLE MS/HS Tannersville, NY
- 4th SCHOOL #26 - MIASS Miass, RU
- 4th FIRST FLIGHT HS Southern Shores, NC
- 5th LOYALSOCK HS TM A Williamsport, PA
- 6th ANGLO CHINESE JUNIOR COLLEGE, Singapore

### Div IV

- 1st UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Dalton, GA
- 2nd & Ranatra Fusca UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, CT
- 3rd DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY Grand Rapids, MI
- 4th TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Southlake, TX
- 5th STOWARZYSZENIE KLANZA Lublin, PD
- 6th SCHOOL N 30 Aktobe, KZ





# 2008 World Finals

## Classics... Those Wonderful Muses

### Div I

- 1st SZKOLA PODSTAWOWA NR 2 SLUBICE Slubice, PD
- 2nd FH CENTRAL WOODLANDS SCH Grand Rapids, MI
- 3rd ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL PRIMARY, Singapore
- 4th DONGBUK ELE SCH Gyeongnam, KR
- 5th LAKE ANNE ELE SCH Vienna, VA
- 6th ANTHEIL ELE SCH Ewing, NJ

### Div II

- 1st ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT, Singapore
- 2nd BAK MIDDLE SCH OF THE ARTS Boynton Beach, FL
- 3rd OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB Gdansk, PD
- 4th CABARRUS ROTARY CLUB Concord, NC
- 5th NOTTINGHAM MID SCH Dayton, TX
- 6th LOWVILLE CENTRAL SCH TM A Lowville, NY
- 6th STUTTGART JHS Stuttgart, AR

### Div III

- 1st BEAR RIVER HS Grass Valley, CA
- 2nd HS AT SHANGHAI SCI/TECH UNIV Shanghai, CH
- 3rd CHESHIRE HS TM B Cheshire, CT
- 4th SOUTHLAKE CARROLL SCH Southlake, TX
- 5th SHERBURNE EARLVILLE HS TM A Sherburne, NY
- 6th GLASTONBURY YOUTH & FAM SER A Glastonbury, CT

### Div IV

- 1st UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Dalton, GA
- 2nd SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY Syracuse, NY
- 3rd ITHACA COLLEGE Ithaca, NY
- 4th UNIWERSYTET WROCLAWSKI Wroclaw, PD
- 5th NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE Traverse City, MI

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### Div I

- 1st CHANGZHOU JIEFANG ROAD PRI
- 2nd CIRCLEVILLE ELE SCH Pine Bush,
- 3rd VINCENT ELE SCH Spring City, PA
- 4th BLYTHEVILLE ELE SCH Blytheville, A
- 5th PAJU GEOMSAN ELE SCH Gyeong
- 6th COLVIN RUN ELE SCH Great Falls,

### Div II

- 1st PEIJIA INTL LABORATORY SCH Sho
- 2nd WOODROW WILSON MID SCH TM
- 3rd VALLEY SPRINGS MID SCH Arden
- 4th SOUTHERN LEHIGH MID SCH TM B
- 5th OWEN J ROBERTS MID SCH Pottsto
- 6th BOYS & GIRLS INV CLUB TOYOTA,

### Div III

- 1st RIVERCREST HS Luxora, AR
- 2nd YICHUAN HS Shanghai, CH
- 3rd THOMAS JEFFERSON HS TM B Vier
- 4th DELAWARE VALLEY HS Milford, PA
- 5th JP STEVENS HS TM B Edison, NJ
- 5th FRANKLIN COUNTY HS Boones Mi
- 6th WARNER ROBINS HS Warner Robi
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### Div IV

- 1st VIRGINIA TECH Bassett, VA Piedr
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- 3rd MT PLEASANT LIONS CLUB ORANG



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E Lake Mary, FL  
GE Midland, NC

### Div I

- 1st ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL PRIMARY, Singapore
- 2nd AFTON ELE SCH Yardley, PA
- 3rd PISGAH ELE SCH Candler, NC
- 4th MARSHPOINT ELE SCH Savannah, GA
- 4th SARAH SMITH ELE SCH TM A Atlanta, GA
- 5th LAFAYETTE MILLS SCH Manalapan, NJ
- 6th RIVER OAKS ELE SCH TM B Houston, TX

### Div II

- 1st NORTH ROCKFORD MID SCH TM A Rockford, MI
- 1st STOWE PLAYHOUSE Stowe, VT
- 2nd COUNTRYSIDE SCH Champaign, IL
- 3rd WARWICK MID SCH Warwick, NY
- 3rd SPRING FOREST MID SCH Houston, TX
- 3rd COPPER BEECH ELE SCH Abington, PA
- 4th LUDLOW ELE SCH TM A Ludlow, VT
- 5th NEWPORT JHS Newport, AR
- 6th BARKER ROAD MID SCH Pittsford, NY

### Div III

- 1st ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT, Singapore
- 2nd RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH, Singapore
- 3rd ABINGTON HEIGHTS HS TM B Clarks Summit, PA
- 4th ST JOHN NEUMANN HS Williamsport, PA
- 4th MYERS PARK HS WHITE Charlotte, NC
- 5th CHESHIRE HS TM A Cheshire, CT
- 6th SAVANNAH ARTS ACADEMY Savannah, GA

### Div IV

- 1st UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Dalton, GA
- 2nd TUFTS UNIVERSITY Medford, MA
- 3rd GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIV Milledgeville, GA
- 4th STOWARZYSZENIE WIGGOR Wroclaw, PD
- 5th MT PLEASANT LIONS CLUB ORANGE Midland, NC
- 6th UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN Madison, WI







# ODYSSEY OF THE MIND®

## 2008-09 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Questions? Email [info@odysseyofthemind.com](mailto:info@odysseyofthemind.com) or call 856.256.2797.

For new memberships or renewals, complete this form and return it with a check, purchase order, or credit card information (see below).  
Or register online at [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com).

### Check one:

#### Divisions I, II and III:

- Individual school:** Must register in the school name. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- Two or more schools:** Must share the same principal to be under the same membership. Use school district name on application. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- Home-schooled students:** Must include at least four home-schooled students. May also include up to three members from one school. May enter one team per problem in competition.
- Community Group:** May enter one team per problem in competition. May not be an organization established solely for the purpose of participating in Odyssey of the Mind. Please submit by-laws if this is a new membership.

**Division IV:**  All team members must be high school graduates and registered for at least one class at a college or university. They do not have to attend the same institution. May enter one team per problem and may proceed directly to World Finals.

Membership name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number (for renewal, if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Grades covered by membership \_\_\_\_\_ School district \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (may be a coach) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (for newsletter delivery and correspondence) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Each individual membership costs \$135, but you will receive discounts if you purchase more than one membership. For each membership purchased, you get five competitive long-term problems, one primary problem, one copy of the Program Guide, Odyssey of the Mind curriculum activities, one newsletter subscription, and more!*

- Individual 2008-2009 Odyssey of the Mind membership @ \$135.....
- Additional membership(s) for the same school or community group @ \$100.....
- 6-10 memberships for the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$120.....
- 11 or more memberships from the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$100.....

### ODYSSEY OF THE MIND SUPPORT MATERIALS

- \*\*Lots of Problems...And Tips to Make You More Creative @ \$19** Problems with creativity tips.....
- A Creative Experience @ \$9.95** Odyssey of the Mind promotional DVD.....
- \*\*Creative Interaction @ \$19** Discusses the importance of interaction between students.....
- \*\*Applying Your Creativity @ \$18** Discusses different types of human creativity.....
- \*\*Creativity + Teamwork = Solutions! @ \$18** Includes tips on building effective teams.....
- NEW!** **Spontaneous Combustion @ \$7.50** Booklet of spontaneous problems and tips.....
- UPDATED** **Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide @ \$7.50** (one is included with membership).....
- Coaches Training Video @ \$20** Tips and techniques for coaches.....
- packs of **Balsa Wood** (premium grade AAA 36" x 1/8" x 1/8") @ \$20 per 100 pieces.....

\* Spend \$40 or more and get free Shipping & Handling. Orders under \$40, add \$6 Shipping & Handling  
Contact CCI for shipping costs outside the U.S.

**\*There are no shipping & handling charges for membership packets**

\*\*These books are a collection of long-term and spontaneous problems from past competition years

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

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### Payment Method:

- **On-line:** Use a credit card to apply at [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com).
  - **U.S. Mail:** Send this form along with a check, money order or purchase order, payable to CCI, or with your credit card info to:  
**CCI, 406 Ganttown Road, Sewell, NJ, 08080**
  - **\*\*\* There will be a \$30 banking fee for all returned checks. \*\*\***
  - **FAX:** Send this form along with a copy of your purchase order, or include your credit card information and fax to **856.256.2798**.
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- Acct. no. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_
- Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_

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# Back to School Order Form

- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM TriFold Padfolio @ \$6.00 (red).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM TriFold Padfolio @ \$6.00 (blue).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM TriFold Padfolio @ \$6.00 (black).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Computer Skinz @ \$4.00 .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (royal blue).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (navy blue) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (orange).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (red) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case @ \$6.00 (green).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Timer @ \$6.00.....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Backpack @ \$15.00 (red) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Backpack @ \$15.00 (blue) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$5.00 (red).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$5.00 (pink).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$5.00 (navy/silver) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Lunch Bag @ \$5.00 (royal blue).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Calculator @\$5.00 (red).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Calculator @\$5.00 (green).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Calculator @\$5.00 (orange).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Combination Dry-Erase and Corkboard @ \$5.00.....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Odyssey Pens @ \$1.00 (mix of colors).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pencil 2-Pack @ \$1.00 (red).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pencil 2-Pack @ \$1.00 (blue) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (blue) .....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (green).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (orange).....
- \_\_\_\_\_ OotM Carabineer Highlighter @ \$2.00 (yellow).....

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

\* Spend **\$40 or more** and get **free** Shipping & Handling. Orders under \$40, add \$6 Shipping & Handling. Contact CCI for shipping costs outside the U.S.

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Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a residence?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no



# Back to School Sale

**OotM TriFold Padfolio** — Stylish and convenient, the trifold folder makes organizing easy. Keep papers, a notebook, and anything else secure throughout the year

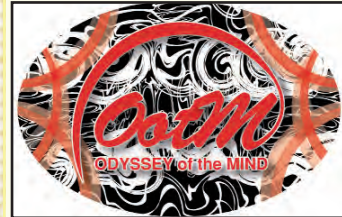


in this durable padfolio. It has a fun Odyssey logo and comes in an assortment of red, blue, and black.

**Price: \$6.00**



**OotM Computer Skinz** — **\*\*New\*\*** computer skinz for any PC, Mac, or laptop will make your computer stand out with this great OotM design. Its dimension is 4" x 6" so you can stick it anywhere on your computer. If you ever want to remove it, just peel off and re-stick someplace new. Will



not leave a residue.

**Price: \$4.00**

**Odyssey Mini MP3/Camera Case** — is made with heavy material, a belt Loop attachment and two zippered compartments



for money, cell phone, camera, MP3 players, etc. Keep those important items from being lost or damaged in this stylish, dependable Mini Case. Comes in choice of 5 colors.

**Price: \$6.00**

**OotM Timers** — "Too much creativity, too little time!" Keep your performance time or upcoming school speeches exact with this Odyssey of the Mind timer that counts up and down for 99 minutes.



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**Price: \$6.00**

**Odyssey Backpack** — made of heavy polycanvas with zippered main compartment, mesh pocket on the side, elastic rope, and adjustable



backpack straps. Perfect for carrying around all of your books and school supplies.

**Price: \$15.00**

**Odyssey Lunch Bag** — **\*\*New\*\***

Odyssey Lunch Bags come in red, pink, navy/silver or royal blue. Designed by "Koozie," these insulated bags with a flexible body keeps

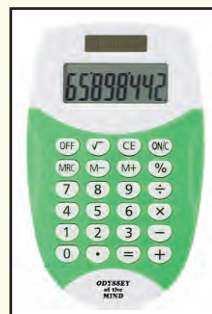


lunches cool all day. Its handle makes it easy to carry, but compact enough to fit inside a backpack or briefcase.

**Price: \$5.00**

**OotM Calculator** — **\*\*New\*\***

Odyssey of the Mind Solar Calculators come in a choice of three eye-catching colors: red, green, or orange



and feature the OotM logo in black. They are an essential and useful back to school item.

**Price: \$5.00**

**Combination Dry-Erase and Corkboard**—

Pin important notes onto the cork and write messages on the white board with an erasable coating. Pen, clip, magnet, and push pin set



included with each board.

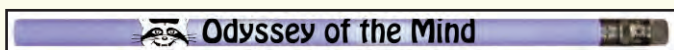
**Price: \$5.00**

**Odyssey Pens** — come in a variety of bright colors with

Odyssey of the Mind imprinted along the side in white. **Price: \$1.00**



**OotM "MOOD" Pencils** — Odyssey of the Mind Mood pencils change colors from the heat of your hand, from red to bright orange or the other from blue to light blue. They come in sets of 2. **Price: \$1.00**



**OotM Carabineer Highlighter** — **\*\*New\*\***

Always be prepared with OotM Carabineer Highlighters that conveniently clip to backpacks, belt loops, or almost anywhere you can think of! They come in a choice of four different colors: blue, green, orange, and yellow with the OotM logo. **Price: \$2.00**







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Hey Teams,

It was another fun-filled, record-breaking year at the University of Maryland, College Park. See you next year as we celebrate our 30th World Finals at Iowa State University!

Your friend,  
**OMER**

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**The Odyssey of the Mind 2008 Spirit Award Recipient is Oog Hwang** for establishing Korea Odyssey of the Mind as a thriving International Association. He uses his own creativity as an inventor to give back to society by funding Korea Odyssey. This gives countless students the opportunity to express and explore their own creative visions.



**The 2008 Creativity Award Goes to Discovery—** Through international charity work and through the creativity of its programming, the company enhances lives around the world by encouraging creative thought. Discovery representative Paul Gasek (Pictured left) accepted the award on behalf of Discovery.

## OMER's Award Recipients

- **Forest Hills Central HS, Grand Rapids, MI** — For applying what they learned through OotM to a real-life issue. The team became pen pals with a village in Africa and helped in many ways including donating food.
- **Myers Park Platinum, Charlotte, NC** — For showing real Odyssey spirit and sportsmanship by moving opposing

team props away from a flooded storage area thereby saving their solution.

- **Burton MS, Porterville, CA** — For taking on a special project that helped a fellow student. They designed and built a prosthetic arm for Matt Lane who traveled to WF in order to present the team with the award during Opening Ceremonies.



*A happy reunion: Coach Hoss McNutt and the Burton Middle School team greet Matt Lane on stage and receive their medals.*

**Correction:** Due to a scoring error Monroe-Woodbury High School was not awarded the proper place at WF. They were actually 2nd place in DinoStories Div. 3. Congratulations to: Alden Burke, Devon Colligan, Dennis Dunne, Brian Flannery, Nicole Hoss, Jillian Mazzola, Christine Somers.

### Float Finalists

- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Kansas
- Maine
- New York
- Texas
- Vermont



### Banner Finalists

- British Columbia
- Florida
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Mexico
- Michigan
- New Jersey
- Ontario
- South Carolina
- Virginia