

2011 Odyssey of the Mind - Bay Area Region Tournament Day Information

Before Competition:

Arrange for Your Team's Props to be Transported

Whether you rent a truck or bring the props in cars, figure out how your team will transport their props and costumes to the tournament. Remember that adults can help the team carry their items but only the TEAM may create, connect, or position the items.

Determine Your Team's Competition Times

Competition times have been emailed to all the coaches and can be found at the end of this document. Competition times cannot be changed. Your team will be assigned one time for the Long Term competition and another time for the Spontaneous competition – they can be in any order. Parents and friends are encouraged to watch the Long Term competition. The Spontaneous competition is closed to all but team members - even the coach may not watch.

Make Copies of Paperwork Needed for Competition

Every team must have all the required paperwork. Make all copies prior to arriving at the competition. Barbers Hill will not have copy facilities available for teams. Forms can be found in the membership packet and online. See the Program Guide and problem statement for directions on how to complete each required form. If you advance to State or World Finals you will need NEW copies. **DO NOT TURN IN YOUR ORIGINALS.**

Your team will need the following copies:

- One (1) copy of your school's membership card.
- One (1) copy of the single page Media Release form.
- Medical Release forms – one for each child. These are not turned in, but are kept with the adults that are responsible for the children on your team. One copy should be given to each person responsible for the children.
- One (1) copy of the Cost form
- One (1) copy of the Outside Assistance form
- Four (4) copies of the Style form
- Three (3) copies of all National Problem Clarifications if your team received any. (This is needed only if your team submitted a problem clarification.)
- Three (3) copies of any required problem specific paperwork. To see if your team needs these forms you must see your Long Term Problem Statement, Section H: The Team Must Provide.
 - Problem 2: Four (4) copies of the Team Required List
 - Problem 3: Four (4) copies of the Team Required List
 - Problem 5: Four (4) copies of the Team Required List
- We recommend that teams list their style elements in the same order they are listed in the problem for ease of reading by the judges.

Go to www.txodyssey.org/forms for blank forms.

Check-In Procedure on Competition Day:

Step 1: Team Registration

Coaches check-in when their team is all present. Coaches should check in at the Registration Table at least 1 hour before the scheduled Long Term performance time or 30 minutes before the Spontaneous time, whichever is earlier.

Exception: If you are the first team in the morning, check in 15 minutes before your time.

Forms needed for the Registration Table:

- One (1) copy of your school's membership card. This is used to make sure we are checking in the correct team. (Keep)
- One (1) copy of the single page Media Release form. (Turn in)
- Medical Release forms – one for each child. (Keep) These are not turned in, but are kept with the adults that are responsible for the children on your team. Any parent, teacher, or coach who is in charge of the children should have a copy of these forms at all times.

At the Registration Table the coach will:

- Sign in the team
- Turn in the Media Release form
- Show the membership card and Medical Release forms
- Learn where the team's competition sites will be. The locations of your team's competition sites will be displayed on signs throughout the building.
- Receive instructions on where to bring in and stash the team's props.
- Pick up the team's registration packet.

Step 2: Unload Props

Please keep your props against the walls and out of the way of the moving human traffic. Adults can help unload the props from the parking area, but make sure they do not assist the team in setting up the props. Only the TEAM may create, connect, or position the props.

Step 3: Long Term or Spontaneous

Your team could have long term or spontaneous first. Check your team's competition time.

- **Long Term.** Be physically near the room where you will perform your long term problem 15 minutes before you are scheduled. You should have costumes on, props ready, the team members ready to go, and the coach fairly conscious (optional). Inform the judge who is manning the door that your team has arrived. Follow any instructions given to your team by that judge. When called to go in, do so.
- **Balsa wood** structure problems have a different procedure. Teams in problem 4 must "weigh-in" before their performance. Each team has a weigh-in time on the schedule. Teams are welcome to report to weigh-in at any time BEFORE their scheduled time if they wish, but only during posted times. Teams will be given priority based on their performance time. Your performance will follow weigh-in and will follow the panned

schedule. Follow any instructions given to your team by the judges. When called to go in, do so.

- **Spontaneous.** Only the team and one coach can go to the Spontaneous check-in table. No visitors are allowed in the Spontaneous area. Please check-in 10 minutes before the team is scheduled for Spontaneous competition. After the team checks in, they will wait in the holding room for the judge to call them into the room where they will perform their spontaneous problem. No cameras, pagers, or phones are allowed in the Spontaneous area. No props are allowed in Spontaneous. Remember, only five (5) team members perform the Spontaneous problem. The other non-performing team members can be in the room with the five performing team members but they do not have to be in the room. It is up to the team to decide who performs and whether or not the others come along. The coach may stay in the holding room, but will be directed where they should wait for the team when the team is called to perform the Spontaneous problem. Both coaches and parents may wait for the team.

Remember to keep the Spontaneous problem a secret until after World Finals in May!! Violations of this rule will result in team penalties. Other competitions around the state, country, and world may be using the same problem. Some local competitions may not be complete until the week before World Finals. We do not want others to have an unfair advantage. **The spontaneous word of the day is “secret”!!!**

Step 4: Score Pick-up

Coaches will be allowed to pick up long term and style master scores no earlier than 30 minutes after their team’s performance. Time may be longer. Exception: If your team is among the first teams to perform, the scores will be held so the judges can normalize their score scale. These coaches will be told when to pick up the scores.

When the coach picks up the scores, the Head Judge will discuss the scores and penalty deductions (if any) with the coach. The coaches will have 30 minutes to check the scores and file a correction or grievance with the Head Judge. Master Style scores are informational only and may not be discussed. Spontaneous scores are not given out during the tournament.

Coaches who do not pick up scores during the day will be given another chance at awards. If you want them, please make every effort to get them the day of the tournament. Advancing team coaches may contact Sarah Morrill at skmorrill@gmail.com to arrange for pick-up. We cannot promise that the team will receive the score sheet if the coach does not pick up it up at the tournament.

Awards Ceremony

Everyone is invited to the Awards Ceremony that will be held at about 12:30pm in the school’s cafeteria. Your team does not have to be present to win, but it sure is fun to run up on stage and receive the attention. See the signs posted during the tournament for the start time.

Advancing Teams

There will be a brief meeting for advancing teams immediately after the Award's Ceremony. ONLY ONE coach or team representative should attend this meeting. Teams who advance to the State Tournament must register online BEFORE THE FRIDAY AFTER THE TOURNAMENT. More details will be available in this representative meeting.

Food/Snacks

Assorted drinks and food (water, sodas, candy bars, pickles, fruit, etc.) will be sold during the tournament. All proceeds will go to the Odyssey of the Mind Scholarship Fund offered annually.

Safety

Safety considerations always come first at a tournament. Please make sure your kids are safe at all times. Try to keep props pushed to the side so no one will run into them. Make the tournament a positive experience for everyone. Any negative conduct or poor sportsmanship can result in a deduction for the team, even if it is by the team's parents or friends. You must have a Medical form filled out for every team member present. If the coach leaves the campus, the medical form must be left with the chaperone remaining with the children. If you need First Aid, go to the main check-in table for help. A nurse will be available onsite.

Pre-Ordered T-Shirts.

Please pick up your pre-ordered Regional t-shirts near the registration area. All pre-orders are paid for at the time they are picked up. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ADVANCE PAYMENT BY MAIL. Please have the person picking up the t-shirts bring a copy of the order confirmation email, if available, to speed things up. **Checks are payable to Odyssey of the Mind - Texas.** Cash is also accepted. No credit cards.

Pins and Souvenirs.

The pins are in and they look great! There are pins for each of the problems, pins for our region, pins that blink, and pins that sparkle. Some are funny. Some are beautiful. Some are actually educational. Everyone LOVES pins. You can buy one or the whole set. **Cash and checks only, made payable to Odyssey of the Mind - Texas.**

Proceeds from sales go to the Odyssey of the Mind – Texas organizations. This money is used for tournaments and scholarships. Please support our organization. The tournaments have many hidden costs and proceeds from these sales help to keep our team fees low. Thanks for your continued support.

Copy Services

There are no copy services on campus for the tournament. Bring extra copies of all your forms. Make copies to save for yourself too.

Visitors

Spectators are welcome to come and see the Long Term performances. In fact, we encourage it. The kids have worked hard to get here and deserve all the support they can get. Please turn off all pagers, phones, beepers, and anything else that would distract the team or judges before entering the performance rooms.

In many areas, performance room doors will be closed while a team is performing. Please do not enter while the doors are closed! Teams may ask that no pictures be taken.

We will also take volunteers to work during the day. We always need door guards, check-in and information table helpers, souvenir sales persons, and runners.

What's A Team To Do?

The teams do not have to stay at the competition site all morning long. That is left to the coach's discretion. Teams can watch other teams perform, although we do not recommend that children watch other teams that they are competing against.

Many coaches bring games or practice spontaneous problems during down time. Many coaches bring a soft ball or Frisbee so the kids can release pent up energy playing on the grass outside.

A Final Word About Volunteers.

All the directors, board members, problem captains, and judges are non-paid volunteers. It takes over 75 volunteers to run the Bay Area Region Tournament. Many people have worked countless hours to make this program a success. We thank them for giving it their all. If you happen to come across a judge, tournament official, or volunteer, please be sure to thank them for their time and effort. We could not do this tournament without volunteers!

A reminder, anyone can nominate an individual or team for an OMER's award. Forms are available at the Main Check-In table. Anyone who would like to volunteer for a few hours at the tournament is welcome. Ask at the Main Registration table.

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Team Name	Mbr#	Problem	Div	Coach	Time - Long Term	Time - Spont.
Barbers Hill Middle School	39834	2 - As Good as Gold...burg	2	Tidwell	9:30am	8:20am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm B	22719	2 - As Good as Gold...burg	2	Bey	9:00am	10:20am
Sugar Creek Christian Home Ed	39634	2 - As Good as Gold...burg	3	Alvarado	10:00am	9:00am
Harvey Brown Elementary School	38345	3 - Le Tour Guide	1	Mertz	8:00am	10:20am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm A	22719	3 - Le Tour Guide	2	Beauvais	11:00am	9:40am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm B	35356	3 - Le Tour Guide	2	Creekmore	10:35am	8:20am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm C	38666	3 - Le Tour Guide	2	Hall-Charles	9:20am	8:00am
Richey Elementary School	39738	3 - Le Tour Guide	1	Majumdar	8:50am	10:40am
Sugar Creek Christian Home Ed	39634	3 - Le Tour Guide	1	Lafferty	8:25am	11:00am
The Chinquapin School	37890	3 - Le Tour Guide	2	Abramowitz	10:10am	9:00am
Viola Cobb Elementary School	36559	3 - Le Tour Guide	2	Boehme	9:45am	8:40am
Cobb 6th Grade Campus	32395	4 - Unhinged Structure	2	Briggs	8:30am	10:00am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm A	22719	4 - Unhinged Structure	2	Potter	8:00am	9:20am
Alice Johnson JHS	38333	5 - Full Circle	2	McGregor	9:00am	10:40am
Barbers Hill Middle School	39834	5 - Full Circle	2	Tidwell	8:00am	10:00am
Faith Co-op Homeschool	39719	5 - Full Circle	3	Peterson	10:30am	9:20am
Falcon Pass Elementary School	34132	5 - Full Circle	1	Abazajian	10:30am	11:20am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm A	22719	5 - Full Circle	2	Fernández	10:00am	8:40am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm B	35356	5 - Full Circle	2	Houston	8:30am	9:40am
North Shore Mid Sch Tm C	38666	5 - Full Circle	2	Hummel	9:30am	11:00am