



# Texas Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament

Saturday  
April 16, 2011

Spring Woods High School  
Spring Branch ISD

Prepared for teams attending the Texas  
State Tournament

# Schedule of Events

## Friday, April 15th Mixer

Location: Spring Woods High School  
2045 Gessner Houston TX 77080  
Lunchroom and Court Yard  
Northwest corner

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

What to expect?

- \* Come and join your teammates for a free, fun evening of entertainment Odyssey Style!
- \* Free pizza & drinks for teams and coaches (Parents & Visitors can eat pizza with a \$2 donation). If you have food restrictions, you can bring in your own food. Tons of food choices nearby.
- \* Meet other Teammates, Dance, Karaoke, Face Painting, Balloon Artist and Trade Pins, Collectables & Homemade, Handmade Whatnots created by your own team...and more!

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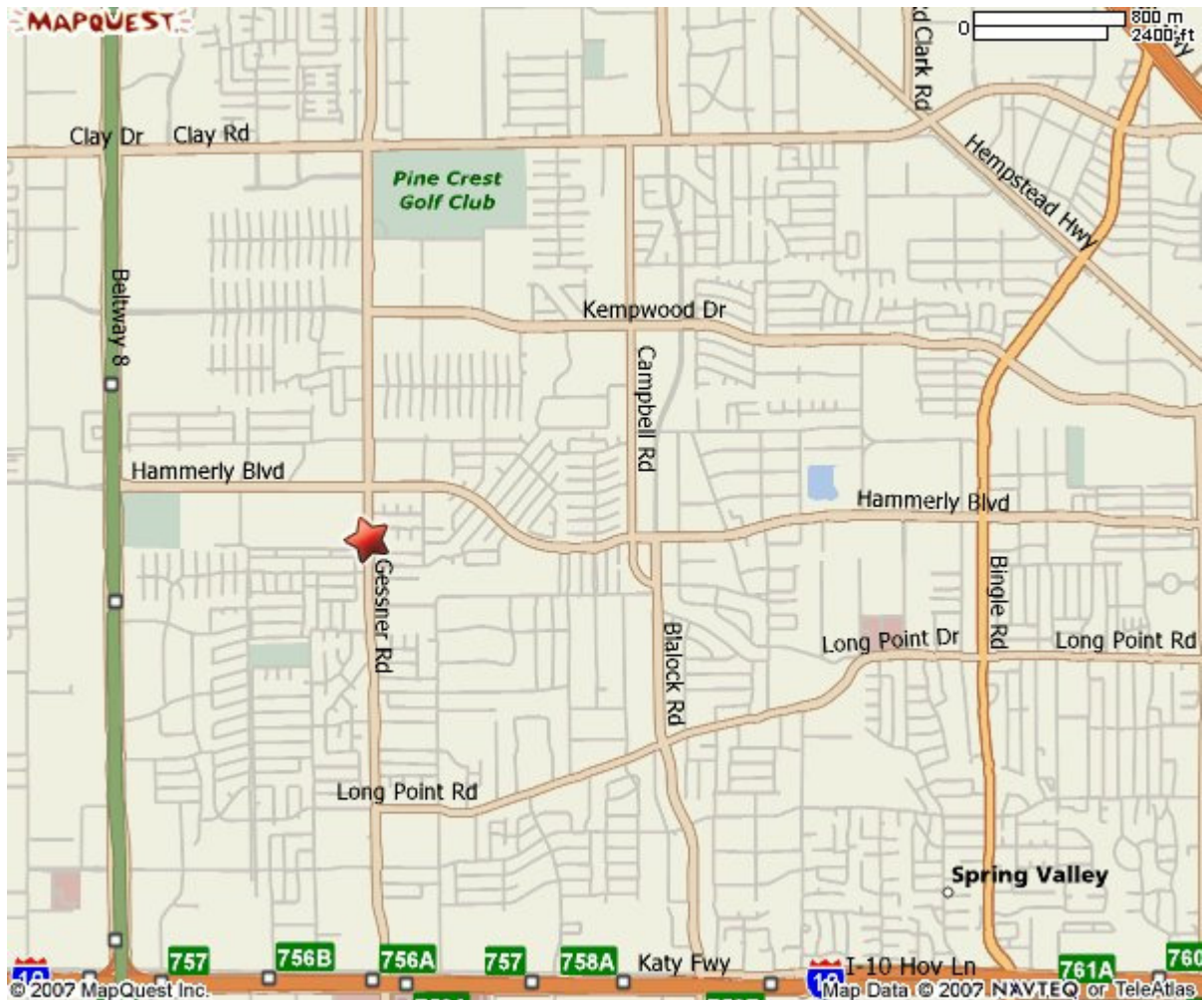
Registration:	Main Auditorium Courtyard
Form Check Station:	Main Auditorium North Hallway
Pin & T-Shirts:	Lunchroom
Concessions:	Lunchroom

AWARDS –CEREMONY: Details To Be Announced.

## Directions to Spring Woods High School

From Downtown Houston: Take I-10 West (Katy Freeway), exit Gessner and proceed north on Gessner 2 miles. Spring Woods HS will be on the left at the intersection of Hammerly and Gessner. Turn before the school onto Tiger Trail at the light for access to several parking lots.

From Katy Texas: Take I-10 East (Katy Freeway), Exit Frontage road to Beltway 8 and remain on feeder road. Turn left (north) under the freeway on the Beltway 8 feeder. Go north 2 miles and turn right (east) onto Hammerly and go 1.5 miles. Spring Woods HS is at the corner of Hammerly and Gessner.



## Hotel – Motel Accommodations

- Embassy Suites Houston 11730 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079  
1-281-531-7300  
For discounted group rate of \$99.00 use the Group Code **OOM**  
This includes full cook to order breakfast, two-hour evening reception including drinks, light snacks and indoor swimming pool  
Reservation deadline: April 1, 2011
- Hilton Garden Inn 12245 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079  
1-281-531-0220 x 6491  
For discounted group rate of \$79.00 use the group name "**Odyssey of the Mind**" This includes a full breakfast buffet for up to 4 people per room.  
Reservation deadline: April 4, 2011
- Hampton Inn 11333 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079  
1-713-353-4171  
For discounted rate of \$69.00 use the group name "Odyssey of the Mind"  
This includes a hot breakfast.  
Reservation deadline: April 1, 2011
- Marriot Courtyard 12401 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079  
1-281-496-9090  
For discounted rate of \$79.00 use the Group name "Odyssey of the Mind"  
The breakfast is the Kellogg's Jump Start breakfast with cereal, breakfast bar, whole fruit and milk.  
Reservation deadline: April 1, 2011

**Prices quoted do not include hotel tax currently at 17%.**

## Food Accommodations – walking distance

- State Finals Concessions in Lunchroom
- El Gallo
- Subway
- McDonalds
- Pizza Hut
- Papa Johns
- Long John Silvers
- Sonic

## Emergency Services

- Memorial Herman Hospital  
920 Gessner Rd (at the corner of Gessner and I-10)  
713-932-3000

## Last minute needs

- Walmart – at the corner of Westview and Sam Houston Tollway (North of I-10)
- Hobby Lobby 10516 Old Katy Freeway (located at the NE corner of the Tollroad and I-10) 713-461-6503
- Home Depot – 1100 Lumpkin (located behind Hobby Lobby) 713-461-9898
- Postal Plus Copy Center 10134 Hammerly 9:00-5:00
- Kroger- at the corner of Hammerly and Gessner 713-467-9343

# Breakfast and Lunch Services

Saturday April 16

Hours of Operations 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Lunchroom

### **Breakfast**

Donuts  
Breakfast Tacos  
Yogurt  
Fresh Fruit

### **Lunch**

Pizza by the slice  
Pizza – whole  
Hot Dogs with Chili & Cheese  
Subway sandwiches  
Salads

### **Snacks**

Nachos  
Chips  
Fruit  
Candy  
Cookies

### **Drinks**

Sodas  
Water  
Coffee/Tea

# Texas State Tournament Team Qualification

To qualify to compete at the Texas State Tournament, EACH team **must**:

1. Pay \$75 tournament fee by April 4, 2011
2. Provide a judge who is trained and has judged at a region tournament this year. Register this judge using the online registration system by March 25, 2011.
3. Register an untrained volunteer for a 2-3 hour shift using the online registration system by April 4, 2011.

Please make check payable to **Odyssey of the Mind - Texas** and mail to:

**Odyssey of the Mind - Texas**  
**Myrna Flores**  
**2307 Willowby Drive**  
**Houston, TX 77008**

*To register online, go to [www.txodyssey.org](http://www.txodyssey.org), select the STATE tab. There will be three links, one each for TEAMS, JUDGES, and VOLUNTEERS. A confirmation email will be sent when each registration is completed.*

*Make sure your judge and volunteer enter your team's correct (1) membership number, (2) problem number, and (3) division. This is how teams and judges/volunteers are matched up. Failure to do so will delay qualification.*

*Check State Tournament Team Qualification at [www.txodyssey.or](http://www.txodyssey.or), select STATE tab. Click on the link for the Team Qualified List.*

# Get your Odyssey - Texas Merchandise at the Texas State Tournament!

## Pre-order T-shirts via email and save!

Prices \$15 (YS to XL) and \$18 (2XL to 5XL) for pre-orders (pick up at state tournament). Limited sizes and quantities available at State tournament so for best selection, pre-order. At the tournament, prices rise to \$20 (YS to XL) and \$23 (2XL to 5XL).



FRONT



BACK

**To Preorder:** Go to [www.txodyssey.org](http://www.txodyssey.org). Select **PREORDERS**. Click on either the excel file link or the PDF link. Fill out the form and resend to [preorders@txodyssey.org](mailto:preorders@txodyssey.org). Preorders will be open from March 15th to 11:59pm on April 4th. **NO LATE ORDERS**. One order per team. One team per order.

### On sale at the State Tournament:

**Hats**

**Lanyards**

**T-shirts**

**and of course,**

**Pins, pins, and more pins!**

Display your Texas pride! All proceeds from sales help support Odyssey of the Mind – Texas.

### State Merchandise Sales Hours

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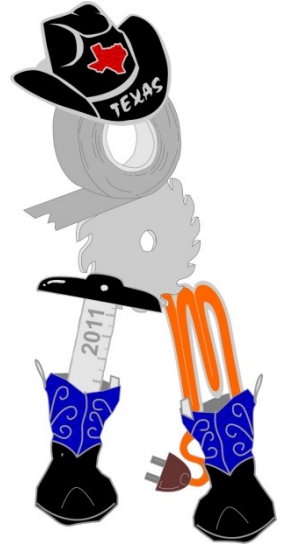
Open during mixer @ Spring Woods HS

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During tournament hours 9 am to 4 pm  
Before and after Awards Ceremony

*Saturday Night Special: Your first chance to buy the WF-exclusive golden chip pin!*

# 2011 TEXAS PIN PRICES



## REGION PINS - HATS

Region hats - \$4.00 each

Hat set (6 pins) - \$20.00 (**\$24.00 value**)

## POKER PINS

Problem pins (Cards) - \$4.00 each

Dollar bill (Primary) - \$2.00 each

Spontaneous Chips - \$5.00 each

Poker Set (7 pins) - \$25.00 (**\$27 value**, 5 cards, \$bill, and **ONE** chip)

## TEXAS-THEMED PINS

Boot (spins) - \$6.00

Armadillo - \$6.00

OotM Man - \$6.00

Texas Set (3 pins) - \$15.00 (**\$18 value**, includes Boot, Armadillo and OotM Man)

Headdress Set (6 pins, sold only as a set) - \$15.00

## SPECIALTY PINS

Monster Truck (glow in the dark) - \$6.00

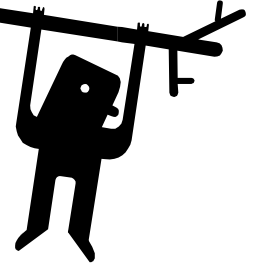
Lightning Bug (Blinkie, glow in the dark) - \$8.00

Teamwork/Parents/Coach/Friends (cut-outs) - \$4.00 each

Energy Drink - \$4.00

**FULL SET \$97.00** (26 pins, includes hat region pins, problem cards, dollar bill, one random spontaneous chip, boot, armadillo, OotM man, headdress set, monster truck, lightning bug blinkie, energy drink, and teamwork pin). (**\$106 value—save \$9 off individual pin prices!**)

# Hanging around the Tournament?



## *There's plenty to do!*

### Snacks! Fun Activities!

Relax between Spontaneous and long term presentation with these activities:

#### In the Cafeteria

- Grab snacks, breakfast or lunch
- Purchase your pins and t-shirts and other Odyssey souvenirs!
- Trade pins (please respect other teams preparing)
- Try your luck at the ever-popular Plinko game and win! (Winners get pin prizes; top 3 get special pin sets)
- Enter the prize drawing to win exciting prizes, including retired pins!
- Check out the outstanding Odyssey Texas college scholarship entries – Texas seniors know how to think outside the box!

#### Outside

- Find a patch of grass and relax
- Play Frisbee or hackey-sack

# State Tournament



## Mixer!!!

**Coach:** Quick spontaneous time! Name Things that Mix.....

**Team:** Cement trucks, blenders, a cook, koolaid and water, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti and meatballs, Texas state finalist teams!

**Friday, April 15, 2011.**

**@ Spring Woods High School (Site of the state tournament) Lunchroom & Courtyard  
2045 Gessner**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

- Enjoy free pizza & drinks for teams and coaches (parents & others may join in for a \$2 donation).
- Meet Odyssey kids and coaches from around the state!
- Trade Pins!
- Dance your heart out!
- Dazzle us with your mad karaoke skills!
- Get in the spirit with face painting & balloon animals!
- Swap home-made what-nots with other teams!
- Pick up your pre-ordered shirts and get a jump on your Odyssey souvenir purchases by stopping by the t-shirt and pins booth!