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Odyssey of the Mind – Texas



*present the*

# Odyssey TX State Tournament

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## 2024 State Tournament

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Everyone in Odyssey of the Mind - Texas is a 100 % Volunteer.

# Welcome to the 2024 State Tournament!

Odyssey of the Mind . . . is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

The program is facilitated in Texas through *Odyssey of the Mind – Texas*, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing creative competition opportunities to the children of Texas. Every single member of our Texas program is an unpaid volunteer.

This Competition Program is written for the families and guests of our teams. You are very welcome to watch performances that reflect the hard work of a whole team, working together to present their unique solution. **All Times and Locations are subject to last minute change.**

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We invite our guests to view team performances; however, NO spectators are allowed in the spontaneous problems. While you are enjoying the team performances, please make sure that your electronics are turned off.

## **Where Do I Go For . . . ?**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Team Mixer	Hubbard Hall West Lawn (in case of rain, it will be held in the CFO-Classroom Faculty Office Building- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor – behind the Arts & Sciences Building)	Fri. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
	<i>Register for venue tours at check-in. Times: 6:30pm, 7 pm, 7:30 pm.</i>	
Team Check-in & Paperwork Check	Hubbard Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Sat. 7:30 am to 2 pm
Spontaneous Check-in	Arts & Sciences Bldg., campus side entrance, 1st floor	Sat. All day
Team Structure Weigh-In (problem 4)	Arts & Sciences Bldg., street side entrance, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	At designated times.
Volunteer Check-in	Hubbard Hall, 1st floor	Sat. All day
Judges Check-in & Breakfast pick-up	Patio, Arts & Sciences Bldg.	Sat. 7:30 am to 9 am
Judges Reimbursement Pick-up	Hubbard Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Sat. 11:30 am to 4 pm
Team, Family & Judges Dining	Retail Dining in Hubbard Hall Dining Hall in Pioneer Bldg.	Opens at 10 am- Closes at various times 10:30 am -8:00 pm
The Odyssey Store (Pins & Shirts)	At Mixer Hubbard Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor At Awards	Fri. 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sat. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Sat. 5:30 pm until the end
Thank You Table	Hubbard Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Sat. 9 am to 1 pm
WF Banner Table	Hubbard Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Sat. 9 am to 4 pm
Awards Ceremony	Hubbard Hall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Southwest Ballroom	Sat. 6 pm to 7:30 pm

*Doors open 30 minutes before the start of the Awards Ceremony. Teams and coaches sit on the floor. Family members sit on chairs in the back.*

## Problem 1: Drive-In Movie

OM teams will get the best seat in the house as they visit a drive-in and even become part of the movie being played! In this problem, teams will design, build, and run a vehicle with a team-created rider that travels to a drive-in theater. In the performance, the movie takes place all around the vehicle when suddenly a team-created special effect occurs on the vehicle that makes it seem to become part of the action! It will include a lead actor character along with all the fun that comes with this nostalgic outdoor movie experience.



*Texas Problem 1 pin for 2024. Purchase individually or as part of the whole Problem Set! Available at the sales table.*



<b>RED Venue – Hubbard Hall 2nd floor, Southwest Ballroom A</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>Performance Time</b>
The Clariden S. Of Southlake-44894/P1-D1	9:00 am
Walnut Grove Elementary -41040/P1-D1	9:20 am
Grace Covenant Academy A-48645/P1-D1	9:40 am
Brady Elementary Sch-47418/P1-D1	10:20 am
Johnson Elementary School-27136/P1-D1	10:40 am
Frostwood Ele Sch-37727/P1-D1	11:00 am
Condit Ele Sch-7611/P1-D1	11:20 am
West University Ele Sch A-31446/P1-D1	11:40 am
River Oaks Ele Sch A-603/P1-D1	1:20 pm
Rummel Creek Ele Sch-28204/P1-D1	1:40 pm
Woodridge Elementary Sch A-48451/P1-D1	2:00 pm
West University Ele Sch B-32800/P1-D1	2:20 pm
River Oaks Ele Sch B-4749/P1-D1	2:40 pm

<b>BLUE Venue – Hubbard Hall 2nd floor, Southwest Ballroom B</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>Performance Time</b>
Dawson Middle School-39234/P1-D2	9:10 am
Carroll Middle School-10564/P1-D2	9:30 am
The Clariden Sch Of Southlake-44894/P1-D2	9:50 am
Pin Oak Middle School-34159/P1-D2	10:30 am
Heritage Mid Sch-43956/P1-D2	10:50 am
Lanier Mid Sch-2907/P1-D2	11:10 am
Grace Covenant Academy A-48645/P1-D2	12:50 pm
The Kipling School-46520/P1-D2	1:10 pm
Carroll High School-32441/P1-D3	1:50 pm

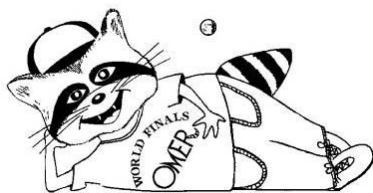
## Problem 2: AI Tech-NO-Art



They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but what if the beholder is a robot? In this problem OM teams will design, build, and operate an Artificial Intelligence Tech-NO-Art device that determines if a work of art is beautiful or not. It will dismantle a work of art that it decides is not beautiful to create a new work of art it believes is beautiful. The humorous performance will also include an artist character who stands up for their work of art, sound effects, and team-created artwork.

Single Venue – Hubbard Hall 1st floor, Room 1602	
Team	Performance Time
All Saints Episcopal School-26609/P2-D1	9:00 am
Cambridge Elementary Sch A-48271/P2-D1	9:20 am
River Oaks Ele Sch B-4749/P2-D1	9:40 am
Carroll Elementary School-42343/P2-D1	10:20 am
West University Ele Sch A-31446/P2-D1	10:40 am
River Oaks Ele Sch A-603/P2-D1	11:00 am
Presbyterian School A-22595/P2-D1	11:20 am
Presbyterian School B-49471/P2-D1	11:40 am
Hirsch Ele Sch-46382/P2-D1	1:00 pm
Arlington Classics Academy A-41183/P2-D1	1:20 pm
Eubanks Intermediate School-38373/P2-D2	2:20 pm
Pin Oak Middle School-34159/P2-D2	2:40 pm
Pershing Mid Sch-3847/P2-D2	3:00 pm
Pershing Mid Sch B-50383/P2-D2	3:20 pm
Sail-36810/P2-D3	2:00 pm

*Texas Problem 2 pin for 2024. Purchase individually or as part of the whole Problem Set! Available at the sales table.*



The national mascot, a raccoon, is called OMER.

Team members are called OMers.

We love OMER and our OMers!

## Problem 3: Classics... Opening Night Antics

There is a saying in the theatre that no matter what happens during a performance, the show must go on. The same is true in OM! For this problem, teams will portray the Opening Night of an original play based on the theme of a classic story. The Opening Night performance will not go as planned and will include a set malfunction, unexpected sound effects, a team-created antic and a theater critic. Despite the Opening Night Antics, the show is a success!



*Texas Problem 3 pin for 2024. Purchase individually or as part of the whole Problem Set! Available at the sales table.*



<b>RED Venue – Hubbard Hall 1st floor, Room 1200</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>Performance Time</b>
The Kipling School-46520/P3-D1	9:00 am
All Saints Episcopal School-26609/P3-D1	9:20 am
Arlington Classics Academy B-46731/P3-D1	9:40 am
Arlington Classics Academy A-41183/P3-D1	10:20 am
Rockenbaugh Elementary -29795/P3-D1	10:40 am
Frostwood Ele Sch-37727/P3-D1	11:00 am
Helms Ele Sch-38967/P3-D1	11:40 am
Hirsch Ele Sch-46382/P3-D1	12:00 pm
Rummel Creek Ele Sch-28204/P3-D1	1:40 pm
Woodridge Elementary Sch A-48451/P3-D1	2:00 pm
Presbyterian School A-22595/P3-D1	2:20 pm
Woodridge Elementary Sch C-48273/P3-D1	2:40 pm

<b>BLUE Venue – Hubbard Hall 1st floor, Auditorium</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>Performance Time</b>
Sail-36810/P3-D2	9:00 am
Awty International School-41236/P3-D2	9:20 am
Spring Forest Middle School-37258/P3-D2	9:40 am
All Saints Episcopal School-26609/P3-D2	10:20 am
Cornerstone Academy-30466/P3-D2	10:40 am
T.H. Rogers School-1500/P3-D2	11:00 am
Memorial Private School-50396/P3-D2	11:20 am
Carroll Middle School-10564/P3-D2	12:40 pm
Lanier Mid Sch-2907/P3-D2	1:00 pm
Carroll High School-32441/P3-D3	1:40 pm
Westchester Academy -33292/P3-D3	2:00 pm

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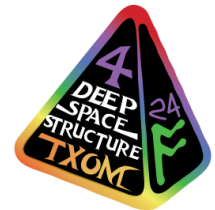
## Problem 4: Deep Space Structure



The universe is full of mysteries we hope to discover and some we may not want to discover! In this problem, teams unravel an original mystery by portraying a balsa wood structure discovered in deep space. The Deep Space Structure will be interviewed, tested, and examined. The performance will include an actual balsa wood and glue structure that will be tested to balance and support weight, a character portraying the discovered deep space structure, and the scientists studying it.

Single Venue – Arts & Sciences Building, 1st floor	
Team	Performance Time
All Saints Episcopal School-26609/P4-D1	9:20 am
Walnut Grove Elementary -41040/P4-D1	9:40 am
Carroll Elementary School-42343/P4-D1	10:00 am
Ridgecrest Elementary -36508/P4-D1	10:40 am
The Kipling School-46520/P4-D1	11:00 am
River Oaks Ele Sch A-603/P4-D1	11:20 am
Oak Forest Elementary Sch-17239/P4-D1	11:40 am
Presbyterian School A-22595/P4-D1	1:00 pm
Presbyterian School B-49471/P4-D1	1:20 pm
Pershing Mid Sch B-50383/P4-D2	1:40 pm
Pershing Mid Sch C-50384/P4-D2	2:00 pm
Spring Leadership Academy-47474/P4-D2	2:20 pm
Presbyterian School A-22595/P4-D2	3:00 pm
Carroll Middle School-10564/P4-D2	3:20 pm
Dawson Middle School-39234/P4-D2	3:40 pm
Briar Meadow Charter School-37427/P4-D2	4:00 pm
Carroll High School-32441/P4-D3	4:20 pm

*Texas Problem 4 pin for 2024. Purchase individually or as part of the whole Problem Set! Available at the sales table.*



*Thinking Heads set of pins*





## Problem 5: Rocking World Tour

Are you ready to rock? Here is your opportunity! In this problem, OM teams will create a performance about a Rock Band on tour. Things get derailed in a very Odyssey way — while playing a song, the band is transported to an unexpected location. The band members must figure out how to use music to get them back on their tour. The solution will also include band merchandise, ARM & HAMMER™ Baking Soda, and original hairstyles.



<b>RED Venue –Hubbard Hall 2nd floor, Room 2231 A&amp;B</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>Performance</b>
Arlington Classics Academy B-46731/P5-D1	9:00 am
Presbyterian School C-50285/P5-D1	9:20 am
Gen Ricardo Sanchez Ele -32407/P5-D1	9:40 am
Johnson Elementary School-27136/P5-D1	10:20 am
Woodridge Elementary B-2526/P5-D1	10:40 am
Oak Forest Elementary Sch-17239/P5-D1	11:00 am
Clemente Martinez Ele Sch-48732/P5-D1	11:20 am
Ridgecrest Elementary -36508/P5-D1	11:40 am
All Saints Episcopal School-26609/P5-D1	1:20 pm
Brady Elementary Sch-47418/P5-D1	1:40 pm
Walnut Grove Elementary -41040/P5-D1	2:00 pm
The Kipling School-46520/P5-D1	2:40 pm
Presbyterian School A-22595/P5-D1	3:00 pm
Walnut Bend Elementary Sch-40818/P5-D1	3:20 pm

<b>BLUE Venue – Hubbard Hall 2nd floor, Southeast Ballroom</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>Performance</b>
Pin Oak Middle School-34159/P5-D2	9:00 am
Heritage Mid Sch-43956/P5-D2	9:20 am
Dawson Middle School-39234/P5-D2	9:40 am
Arlington Classics Acad. A-41183/P5-D2	10:20 am
Alamo Heights Junior School-48278/P5-D2	10:40 am
Dueitt Mid Sch-46368/P5-D2	11:00 am
Pershing Mid Sch B-50383/P5-D2	11:20 am
Pershing Mid Sch-3847/P5-D2	11:40 am
Veterans Mid Sch-37285/P5-D2	1:00 pm
Carroll Middle School-10564/P5-D2	1:20 pm
Presbyterian School A-22595/P5-D2	1:40 pm
Lanier Mid Sch-2907/P5-D2	2:00 pm
Briar Meadow Charter School-37427/P5-D2	2:20 pm
All Saints Episcopal School-26609/P5-D2	2:40 pm
Carroll High School-32441/P5-D3	3:20 pm
East Central High School-45945/P5-D3	3:40 pm
Westchester Academy -33292/P5-D3	4:00 pm

*Texas Problem 5 pin for 2024. Purchase individually or as part of the whole Problem Set! Available at the sales table.*





## Spontaneous

All Spontaneous problems are closed to spectators. Each team is given a short problem to solve during today's competition. This problem may be verbal, verbal/hands-on or hands-on and the team is given no prior knowledge of the problem.



Teams are reminded that all Spontaneous Problems remain **TOP SECRET** until after World Finals in May. Do not discuss your problem with your friends, parent or coach.

The same problems are used worldwide. You may be helping another team by talking about or posting your Region or State spontaneous problem! After May you may discuss your problems freely.

*The three scoring components of Odyssey of the Mind*



## Our Regions

Odyssey of the Mind - Texas currently has three active regions that organize local tournaments from which teams advance to the State tournament.

- HARO is the region that serves the Greater Houston and surrounding area.
- The North Texas Region starts around the Dallas/Forth Worth area and extends North and East.
- The Central Texas Region starts around Austin and extends South and West.
- We also have teams who travel all the way from South TX to attend our State competition.

The Regional 2024 pin features the lightning bug in glow-in-the-dark colors, a tribute to the Primary problem.

The popular Texas Regional Team shirt has the same design on a tie-dye pattern. It will be worn by Texas teams at the World Finals Opening Ceremony.



# The Awards Ceremony

Location: Hubbard Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Southwest Ballroom

❖ Doors Open 5:30 pm

❖ Ceremony: 6:00 pm

❖ Introductions and Recognitions

❖ OMER Awards

❖ Competition Results

❖ Scholarship Awards

❖ Ranatra Fusca Awards

Please: NO food, drink, gum, confetti, glitter, balloons, silly string, etc. will be allowed at Awards.

\*Note to Advancing Team: Coaches, please check the [www.txodyssey.org](http://www.txodyssey.org) website for instructions on how to register for the World Finals tournament (within 2 weeks).

## **The OMER Award**

Named for the Odyssey of the Mind raccoon mascot, OMER, this award recognizes individuals, teams or others who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary behavior, or exceptional talent.



## **The Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award**

This award represents the *essence* of the Odyssey of the Mind. It is presented to teams or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity, either through some aspect of the solution, or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution. "Ranatra Fusca" is Latin for water bug. Be sure to check out how this award for outstanding creativity all began over 40 years ago on the national web site at [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com).

## Our Volunteers

### *Special Thanks to...*

Each and every person who works to prepare for and carry out these Odyssey of the Mind Tournaments is a volunteer, including Region Directors, Board Members, Problem Captains, Tournament Staff, Coaches, Judges, parents, teachers, coordinators and community volunteers. This event would not be possible without you. Many, many thanks to all!!



A Thank You Table will be open all morning at the tournament to make a personal thank you card for each judge and official. Team members and family are invited to make a card for our 100% volunteer judges. We gather these hand-written notes and deliver them with an attached specially designed pin to each judging group.



## State Association Meeting Notice

*You are invited...*

**Odyssey of the Mind- Texas**

**State Association General Meeting**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 10:00 am – noon**

**TWU, Arts and Sciences Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 207**

Open to the Odyssey of the Mind Community, no rsvp necessary.

See how our all-volunteer Odyssey of the Mind organization ticks. Introduce yourself and find ways you might fit in to help the big picture. We will be voting on Program Association Officers at this meeting.

# World Finals

World Finals is a three-day long competition where all US Teams and International teams from approximately 25 countries gather to watch the top of the top teams in one final competition level.

The 2024 World Finals Competition is hosted at Iowa State University in Ames, IA from Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 24, 2024.

Our World Finals Committee will assist Texas Champions throughout the preparations and attendance at World Finals. Details of team preparation and participation in World Finals events will be posted on our website after State, as well as sent through weekly newsletters.

A special Q&A session for first time coach & parents will be held virtually on Tuesday evening after the State Awards. Be sure to tune in for more details.

## **World Finals Creativity Festival - Howdy**

Kimi Morita will be representing Texas at World Finals as the Creativity Festival & Howdy Representative. Advancing teams will be contacted regarding assigned work times in the Creativity Booth at World Finals.

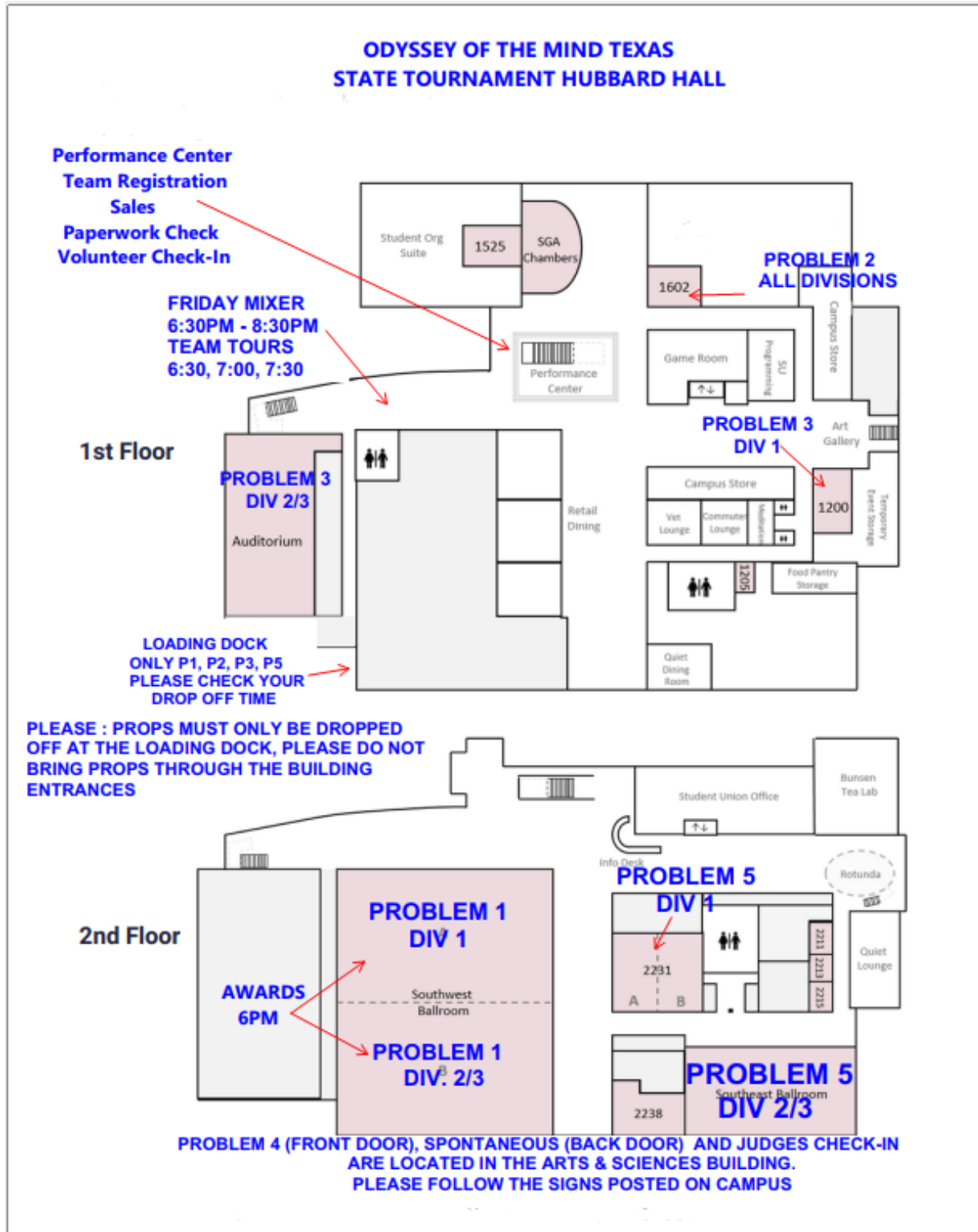
What's Howdy? We like for all Texas teams to support one another. Teams will receive a schedule of all the World Finals Texas teams and be assigned two "Howdy" teams to watch. Please support your fellow Texans and watch your assigned teams. You may also watch all other Texas teams you wish to see!



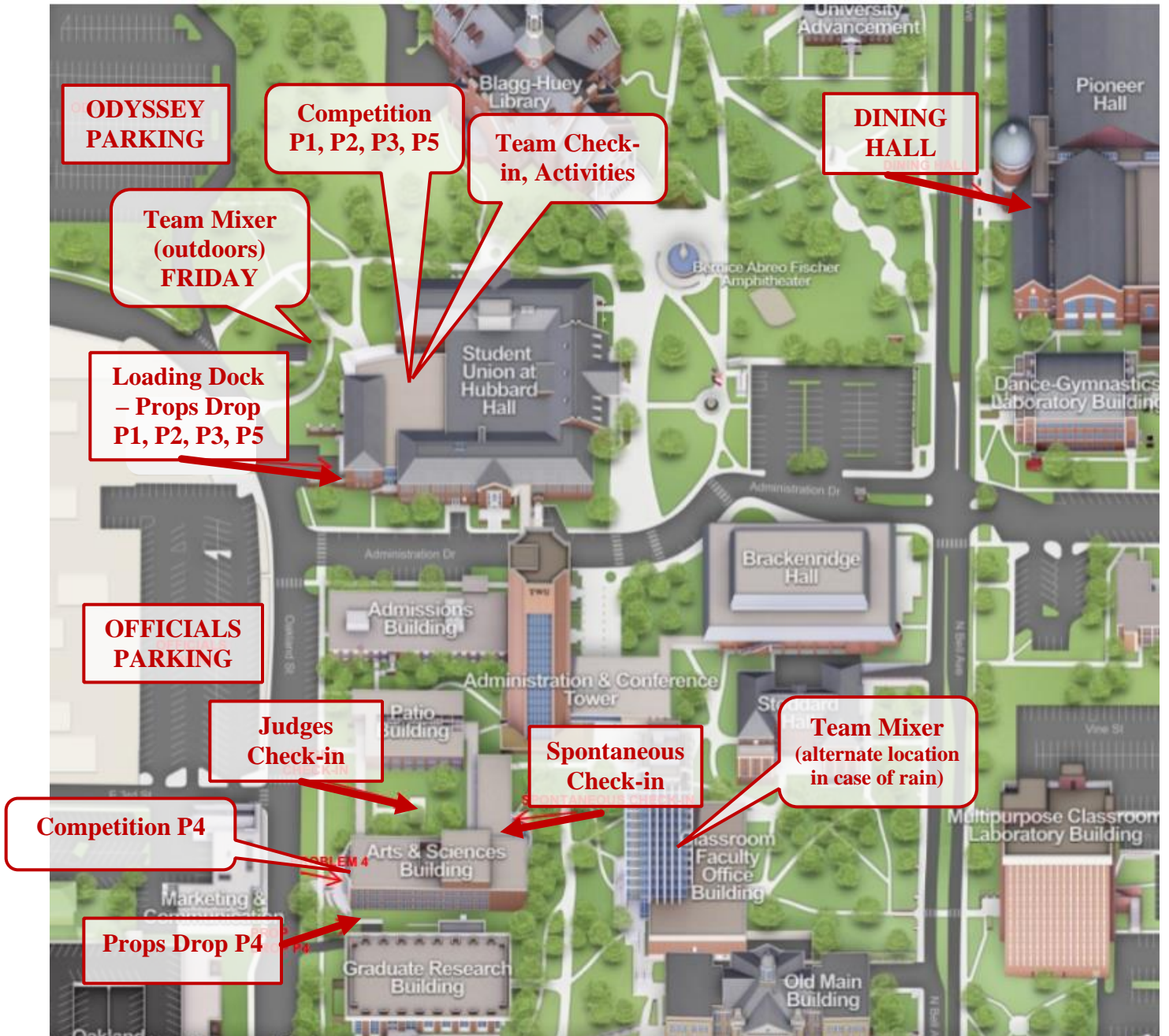
Front cover image: Our Viking Cow design is the 2024 Texas State theme. State Finalist shirts with the equivalent design are worn by teams on Day 2 at World Finals and the Float & Banner Ceremony.

Team members are invited to craft jointly our Texas Banner that will be exhibited at the World Finals Banner Parade. Visit our booth today in Hubbard Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

# Map of Hubbard Hall, TWU



## Areal View of competition sites at TWU



Note: No glitter or silly string are allowed anywhere on campus.