



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you about an exciting opportunity students at your school!

Does your student like to be challenged? Are they excited about solving new problems and working with others to brainstorm and try new ideas? Do they enjoy being creative? Then **Odyssey of the Mind** might be for them!

**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.

**Who:**

- Teams of 5-7 will compete at the State Competition on Saturday, March 16th, 2019.

**When:**

- Teams will meet once per week for an hour after school or on the weekends (day and time TBA as per coach)
- After winter break, teams will meet more frequently to get ready for the state competition
- There will also be a commitment of 3 Saturday mornings
- The program will end once students have participated in the State Tournament on March 16th, unless they move on to the next round.

**What:**

- During this time, teams will decide on the long-term problem they would like to solve/complete, and practice spontaneous problem solving challenges for competition.



**How:**

- Complete the attached application and submit by Friday, October 6th.
- Once an application has been submitted, coaches will contact students.
- Due to a generous grant from the Greenwich Alliance for Education, the cost to join this year will be only \$400 for the year, and \$50 for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Please plan to pay at the Parent Information Meeting at the end of October (date TBD will vary per school) if your child is selected.

If you have any questions, please email Leila Horn:

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Or go to [www.greenwichalliance.org](http://www.greenwichalliance.org). (Programs/Odyssey of the Mind)

Thank you very much!  
Leila Horn  
Greenwich Odyssey of the Mind  
In partnership with  
Greenwich Alliance for Education



### Greenwich Odyssey of the Mind 2018/2019 Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Type
Tuesday, 9/18, 2018	9.30-10.30 AM	<b>Parent Information Session</b>	YWCA	parents
Tuesday, 9/18, 2018	6.30-7.30 PM	<b>Parent Information Session</b>	YWCA	parents
Tuesday, 10/16, 2018	7-9 PM	<b>Coaches meeting</b>	YWCA	coaches only
Friday, 11/15, 2018		<b>Team assignments due</b>		deadline
Saturday, 10/27, 2018	8.30-12.30 PM	<b>CTOM Coach Training</b>	TBA	coaches only
Saturday, 11/10, 2018	8.30-12.15 PM	<b>CTOM Odyssey Day</b>	TBA	coaches/students
Saturday 12/1, 2018	9-12 PM	<b>Spontaneous Scrimmage</b>	YWCA	coaches/students
Saturday, 1/12, 2019	8.30-12.30 PM	<b>CTOM Coach Training 2</b>	TBA	coaches only
Saturday, 1/26, 2019	9-12 PM	<b>Spontaneous Scrimmage</b>	YWCA	coaches/students
Saturday, 3/2, 2019	9-12 PM	<b>Judges Training</b>	TBA	judges only
Saturday, 3/10, 2019	9-12 PM	<b>GOTM Group Presentations</b>	YWCA	coaches/students
Saturday, 3/16, 2019	All day	<b>CTOM State Finals</b>		coaches/ students/parents



## Odyssey of the Mind Application

If you are interested in having your child participate, please detach and complete this form, and recommendation on the reverse side, and turn it in to the front office by October 5, 2018.

Student Name/School/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in coaching a team? Yes or No

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Why are you interested in having your child participate?

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What other after-school activities will your child be participating in this year?  
When do they take place?

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By signing below, I give my permission for my child to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind program and understand the commitment required for competition:

Parent Signature

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### Odyssey of the Mind Student Questionnaire

Name\_\_\_\_\_Teacher\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be part of Odyssey of the Mind?

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What is your proudest accomplishment? Why?

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You have been sent to explore a new planet. What do you find?