

# Missouri Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament

## Missouri S&T

### March 7, 2009

## Creativity – The Sky's The Limit!

Missouri Creative Achievements in Problem Solving, proud sponsor of Odyssey of the Mind in Missouri, welcomes you to the 2009 competition at Missouri S & T ! **This packet contains a lot of information. Please read it carefully now and keep it handy for reference throughout the day.** Membership coordinators, please make sure your coaches have copies of everything.

\*\*Completed **Team Contract** must be turned in at Registration on March 7, 2009

### Competition Schedule

8:00 am	Registration will begin in Havener Center. The Missouri S&T site is not open to teams/coaches until 8:00am Saturday morning.
9:20 am – 3:00 pm	Competition
4:30 pm	Awards Ceremony in St. Pat's Ballroom in Havener Center

### Registration

The Registration Table in Havener Center lobby should be your first stop upon arrival. At the table you will receive a packet and will need to do the following:

1. Turn in your team's signed Team Contract
2. Confirm the team roster \*\*
3. Distribute provided nametags to coaches and team members. Nametags must be worn throughout the tournament.
4. Check to make sure you have the correct number of participation certificates in your packet.

Lost and Found is located here. Check this area regularly for updated tournament information.

\*\*NOTE: Page 30 of the Odyssey Program Guide states that **once a roster is submitted, changes must be approved by the Tournament Director**. If you have fewer than 7 students on your team roster and want to add a member to the team, you must contact Linda Owen as soon as possible. Students cannot be added to the roster on March 7. You may not remove a student from your roster at any time.  
*Contact Linda at 314-837-2971 or [linda\\_odyssey@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_odyssey@yahoo.com).*

### Repair/work Area

St. Pat's B will be used as a repair/work area for teams. It is not intended to be a practice area. All teams working on their structures or repairing a vehicle must work on the plastic covered area in this room. **NO PAINTING IS ALLOWED IN ANY BUILDING ON CAMPUS**. Please remember that we are all guests at M S & T and we want to take care that no damage occurs anywhere in their buildings.

### Parking

Parking is available is all over campus, with the usual restriction for spaces marked "handicapped." We are not restricted to visitor parking.

### Food Service

Teams may bring their lunch or eat on campus. Also, there are many restaurants along the street labeled "Bishop Ave/Loop 44/U.S. 61" on the enclosed map. There is a Food Court and coffee shop on the first floor of Havener. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN ANY COMPETITION ROOM.**

### Security

Security can be difficult if each competing team does not take precautions. Storage room will not be available; encourage your team members to leave valuables locked in cars or buses. Props should also be stored in vehicles.

## **Shirts and Souvenirs**

A souvenir sales table will be set up from 8:00am - 3:30pm in the Havener Center lobby with a variety of items, including T-shirts, pins, etc. No souvenirs will be held.

## **"Request for Intervention"**

When you pick up your team's scores, make note of the time and sign the score sheet. If you have a question regarding interpretation of rules after seeing your long-term score, you have 30 minutes to raise a question. If you are not able to resolve your concern with the Head Judge and Problem Captain, you may ask for a "Request for Intervention" form from the Problem Captain. This form must be completed and returned to the Problem Captain within 30 minutes after receiving the intervention form. Remember that all judges have been trained and are trying their best to provide utmost fairness in the competition.

## **Action!**

Students and parents are welcomed and encouraged to observe others' long-term performances. Please be sure your students are quiet and orderly in the halls and at the performances they are observing. The audience will be asked to refrain from videotaping unless the coach has granted prior permission.

**Sportsmanship is extremely important in any competitive event.** Please discuss with your team and parents that they are representing their local school district and positive or negative behavior by one member will reflect on all. The required Team Contract has been adapted from a contract signed by teams participating in World Finals. Please note that any teams leaving face/body paint or any other mess in the bathrooms may receive a penalty or disqualification. No painting is to be done in any of the buildings on campus.

**Schedules must be followed carefully.** We cannot wait for a team that is late. Teams should report 20 minutes early for long-term competition. *Teams must report directly to room 125 in Butler-Carlton (Civil Engineering) for Spontaneous 15 minutes before the scheduled competition time.*

## **Spontaneous problems are not to be discussed with anyone!**

This includes coaches and team members who did not participate in spontaneous competition. **This would not only penalize or disqualify a team** but would give other teams an unfair advantage if they learned anything about the problem beforehand. **Please stress the importance of this issue with your team and parents.** Problems may be discussed after the Awards Ceremony. Remember that once team members enter the spontaneous competition room, *they must remain there whether they are competing or not.*

## **Advancing to World Finals:**

First and second place teams as well as team Ranatra Fusca winners **may** be invited to World Finals at the Iowa State University in Ames May 27-May 30, 2009. There is no automatic advancement to World Finals. Teams must make a sincere effort to solve their problem. Registration information for World Finals will be distributed at the Awards Ceremony and discussed in a meeting immediately following Awards.

The **AWARDS CEREMONY** will be held at 4:30 in the St. Pat's Ballroom on the second floor of the Havener Center. We request that all competing teams attend and participate in true Odyssey of the Mind Spirit.  
**NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED.**

## **"All's well that ends well."**

When you are finished with your long-term problem presentation, please return all of your props to the cars and have your own trash bags to clean up any areas you were in. Please do not plan to dispose of large items at Missouri S&T. We appreciate the University hosting the competition and strive to do all we can to show them how wonderful Omers are.

**Missouri Odyssey of the Mind** wishes everyone a fantastic day of creativity!!