

# MA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

## PROGRAM INFORMATION



*With Odyssey of the Mind, students develop creative problem-solving skills while having fun. For more than 40 years, this unique program has generated excitement and creative thinking in students. By encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, Odyssey helps students build skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems – great and small – for a lifetime.*

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Any school, community group, college or university may register for an Odyssey of the Mind membership for a fee. One membership allows for a team of up to seven students in each of five problems in each age division.

These student teams apply their creativity to solve one of five problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

They work throughout the school year and then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and international level. Thousands of teams participate from throughout the U.S. and around the world.

## IN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND...

- Students develop team-building skills by working in groups of as many as seven students.
- Students examine problems and identify real challenges.
- The creative-thinking process is nurtured as a problem-solving tool.
- The fun of participation leads to an elevated interest in regular classroom curricula.
- Students of all types will find something that will appeal to them.
- Even shy students are afforded the opportunity to open up and express themselves.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Not-for-profit, volunteer-run organizations administer the Odyssey of the Mind program in each participating state and country. The organizations are licensed by the international Odyssey of the Mind program, which creates the problems and materials to run training sessions and tournaments. Volunteers judge the competitions and serve in various positions to support the hard work of the student teams.

### For More Information:

International Odyssey of the Mind: [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com)

Massachusetts Association: [www.maodyssey.org](http://www.maodyssey.org)