



Magic Center Region

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Proudly serving Citrus, Lake, Levy, Marion, Osceola, Orange, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties

Why Odyssey of the Mind?

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Participants build self-confidence, develop life skills, create new friendships, and are able to recognize and explore their true potential. Odyssey proves that students can have fun while they learn.

Innovative Problems that Teach Creativity

Odyssey problems have challenged students to design mechanical dinosaurs, invent new factory machinery, build working vehicles, write a new chapter to Moby Dick, put a twist on classic artworks, turn Pandora’s Box into a video game, and so much more.

Since 1978, Odyssey problems have challenged students to go beyond conventional thinking and incorporate creative problem solving in learning. Creative Problem Solving is a skill that needs to be nurtured and developed. While a conventional education is important, learning to solve problems creatively and confidently gives students an important edge in their education and career goals. There is creativity inside each of us and Odyssey teaches how to tap into it so it can be applied to real-world problems.

All Odyssey solutions require students to perform, not just the sciences, but the arts as well – whether it be set-building, costume-making, creating props, acting, singing, or playing an instrument. These skills are important to create a balanced education. Because they are doing something fun, students are eager to perform and develop self-confidence and public speaking skills along the way. Because different elements are involved within each problem, Odyssey brings together kids with varying interests that often form life-long friendships.

Important Dates

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 (8am - 1pm)	Judges Training and Mandatory Coaches Meeting (Edgewater High School, Orlando)
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 (all day)	Magic Center Regional Tournament (Edgewater High School, Orlando)
Friday, April 13, 2018 (evening, time TBA)	Coaches Meeting for Teams competing at State (UCF)
Saturday, April 14, 2018 (all day)	Florida Odyssey of the Mind Tournament (UCF)
Wednesday - Saturday, May 23 - 26, 2018	Odyssey of the Mind World Finals (Iowa State University)

Interested in Coaching?

Coaches training sessions give coaches the information they need to coach an Odyssey of the Mind team. Introductory sessions go over the basics of coaching a team, while spontaneous sessions help coaches learn how to train their team in solving spontaneous problems. There is no charge to attend any coaches training. Coaches training dates are available at <http://www.magiccenterregion.com/dates.html>. Advance registration is required.

If you and your child(ren) are interested in learning more about this amazing program, join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

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