



# Odyssey of the Mind®

**Who:** Any Smyrna School District Student  
**What:** Odyssey of the Mind  
**When:** November 2 at 6:00pm  
**Where:** Smyrna Middle School Library

Greetings! Smyrna School District will be hosting an informational meeting regarding Odyssey of the Mind for the 22/23 school year.

What is Odyssey of the Mind? Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition for students. The Odyssey of the Mind program is based on the premise that creativity can be taught.

1. Students work in teams of five to seven members under the guidance of an adult coach. Coaches training will be held: **Saturday, November 19, 8:30am-3:30pm and Saturday, December 10, 8:30am-3:30pm (only need to attend one session).**

2. Teams spend weeks, at their own pace, **working together** and creating solutions to long-term problems. Every year, there are six long-term problems designed for vehicle, technical, literature, structure, performance, and primary categories.

3. Team members come up with all the ideas for their solution and do all the work themselves. Coaches may help teach skills and educate the team on ways of approaching the problem and of evaluating their solution but will not solve the problem for the team. **Teams will need to be registered by January 18, 2023.**

4. To solve a problem, teams must follow the general rules in this guide, limitations in the problem, and clarifications issued during the year. **They will showcase their solution on March 18, 2023 at Lake Forest High School**

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5. Teams work within the cost limit stated in the problem. This will teach the teams to work with a budget and foster a life-skill that is essentially priceless.

If this is something that interests your student please join us for an Open House where more information will be provided and questions will be answered. We hope to see you there!