



Odyssey of the Mind[®]

Keystone Oaks Odyssey of the Mind Overview 2022-2023

2022-2023 Important Dates:

- **KO Coaches Training:** October 25, 2022 7:00pm @ KOMS Cafeteria
- **WPAOM Coaches Training:** November 12, 2022 (location TBD, registration required)
- **Registration Deadline for students:** November 15, 2022 (see link on koodyssey.com)
- **Keystone Oaks Team Registration Deadline:** December 15, 2022 – COACH MUST have complete form submitted to coordinator. Link on koodyssey.com.
- **Judges Training (mandatory for judges):** February 4, 2023 @ 9:30am @ Robert Morris University
- **Spontaneous Fun Day optional/highly recommended:** February 18, 2023 @ TBD
- **KO Dress Rehearsal:** February 19, 2023 @ KOHS time tbd
- **WPA Regional Tournament: March 4, 2023 @ Keystone Oaks HS/MS**
- **Pennsylvania State Competition:** April 1, 2023 @ Lock Haven University
- **Odyssey of the Mind World Finals:** May 24-27, 2023 @ Michigan State University

What happens at the Competition?

- Teams will present their long-term solution in an 8-minute skit to the judges, spectators are encouraged!
- Teams will compete in a spontaneous problem. Coaches and parents are NOT permitted in the room for the spontaneous portion of the competition (this is the rule every year).
- At the end of competition day, the WPAOM will hold an awards ceremony, it is not determined if this will be in-person or virtual yet.

Team Requirements:

- 5-7 Students per team (no exceptions!)
- One coach required—you may have multiple coaches
- Each team is required to have one volunteer and one judge

Division Breakdown: (The oldest student on the team determines the division in which the team will compete)

- Primary—Kindergarten-2nd Grade – Competes in the regional competition ONLY
- Division I—3rd-5th Grade
- Division II—6th-8th Grade
- Division III—9th-12th Grade

Practices:

- Practice should be held weekly (and more as the competition gets closer) but ultimately your team decides when/where/how often.
- Practices can be held at home, public spaces (that you have permission to use), online, or at the school (see website for permit requests as well as guidelines for school use for practices)
- **GROUP/TEAM SPONTANEOUS PRACTICE IS BACK!** *November 22, 2022; December 14, 2022, January 5, 2023, January 17, 2023, February 6, 2023 and February 28, 2023.* These dates are tentative, and I will be updating the group with registration information in our monthly emails.

Note to Parents:

- **STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE COMPETITION TO PARTICIPATE!!**
- Support your coach! You can: volunteer for the competition, train to be a judge or help at practices.

Costs:

- Registration payments are due November 15, 2022. Students competing in Division 1-3 owe \$50 each (sibling discount \$40 each additional student). Primary students owe \$25 for the year.
registration payments cover regional competition fees and competition t-shirts
- Materials and other purchases for your team are the responsibility of your team.
- Students moving onto the State Final and World Final Competitions will have additional costs TBD.

Questions??? Email KOOdyssey@gmail.com