



# Odyssey of the Mind<sup>®</sup>

## Keystone Oaks Odyssey of the Mind Overview 2021-2022

### 2021-2022 Important Dates:

- **KO Odyssey of the Mind Club Meetings:** Every third Wednesday of the Month 7:30pm
- **Registration Deadline for students:** November 14, 2021 (see link on koodyssey.com or in welcome email)
- **WPAOM Coaches Training:** November 6, 2021 9:00am-12:30pm (online, registration required)
- **Keystone Oaks Team Registration Deadline:** December 15, 2021 – COACH MUST have complete form submitted to coordinator. Link on koodyssey.com.
- **Judges Training:** February 5, 2022 (not confirmed)
- **Spontaneous Fun Day:** February 19, 2022 (not confirmed)
- **KO Dress Rehearsal:** February 20, 2022 (not confirmed)
- **WPA Regional Tournament: March 5, 2022 (not confirmed)**
- **Pennsylvania State Competition:** April 2, 2022
- **Odyssey of the Mind World Finals:** TBD

### What happens at the Competition?

- Teams will present their long-term solution in an 8-minute skit to the judges, currently no decision has been made on spectators.
- 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 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 required to have one volunteer and one judge (primary does not need a volunteer)

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

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

### Practices:

- Practice should be held weekly (and more during the lead up to the competition) 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 in the Middle School TV Room (see website for permit requests as well as guidelines for school use for practices)
- Due to COVID we will not be holding large group spontaneous activities until further notice.

### 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 for Division 1-3 student are \$40 each with a sibling discount of \$30 each. Primary students are a flat \$25 for the year.
- 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](mailto:KOOdyssey@gmail.com)**