



It's time for Odyssey of the Mind!

To find out more, contact Jennifer Hayes at jchayes@pacbell.net or 788-8270

Does your student like to solve problems, build things, write skits, or perform? All of these talents and more are used by an Odyssey of the Mind team. Students travel as far as their imaginations can take them! Odyssey of the Mind is a wonderful program for our students and a great way to facilitate your child's creative thinking. Teams of 5-7 students work outside of school with parent coaches, seeking creative solutions to long-term and spontaneous problems. All of the work must come from the students using brainstorming and teamwork.

Odyssey of the Mind is a program that is highly supported by the efforts of our parents. Like many other activities, Odyssey of the Mind is a volunteer organization. Every parent will have an active role with the team. Each team will have one or two coaches and a selected judge. Training is required for coaches and judges. Other team parents need to be available for extra activities such as helpers, drivers, shoppers, garage space securers, working at the regional tournament and more. Teams begin meeting weekly starting in late October to prepare for the OM Regional Tournament, which is expected to be held in early March 2009.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO ORGANIZE A TEAM. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE, PLEASE VISIT (www.odysseyofthemind.org; www.sfbayodyssetofthemind.org). THEN CONTACT JENNIFER HAYES BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Website

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OM Schedule for 2008/2009:

- **Rancho Romero Parent Meeting:** September 16th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the RR Library
- **Coaches Training (req'd 1 coach per team):** September 27 (Willow Creek Center), October 25 (Willow Creek Center), December 6 (Willow Creek Center)
- **Judges Training:** February 2009, dates TBD
- **Regional Tournament:** March 7, 2009 (location TBD; date tentative)
- **State Tournament:** April 4, 2009 (location TBD; date tentative)
- **World Tournament:** May 27-30, 2009 Iowa State University, Ames Iowa

If you are interested in OM, please return this form to the OM folder in the office by October 3, 2008, or call/e-mail Jennifer Hayes directly.

Student's name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

Parent's name (s): _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

_____ I have a team and am ready to go (Please list team members' names and contact info on reverse side of this sheet and specify the problem your team will be solving).

_____ Other (please specify nature of your inquiry on reverse side of this sheet)