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# *Odyssey of the Mind*



*And why you should join!*



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## *What is Odyssey of the Mind?*

**OM is a new club to Estill County offered for both middle and high school students.**



**Omers will be faced with a problem and work together as a team in order to create a solution.**

**Odyssey helps prepare students for the real world. Students will learn aspects such as teamwork, time management, budgeting, public speaking, and more.**



**Odyssey focuses on the arts while incorporating STEM**

*This club's main components consist of the arts, but STEM is incorporated in multiple problems.*

# Problem One: Vehicle



The vehicle problem takes the overall theatrical aspect of this program and allows for designing, gathering materials, and building a vehicle competitors can either ride or operate during their team's performance. Student's must incorporate their very own creation into their storyline, while also complying with the year's theme for the project.

**This problem is for those of you more interested in STEM!**

# Problem Two: Technical



This problem allows for students to make innovative creations and designs. Students can combine their more technical and STEM side into a way that allows for artistic expression. Problem #2 gives students a problem that has to be solved with a technical design that they must also showcase and present in a artistic way. This problem appeals to students who are interested in both engineering and expressing themselves in a performance.

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# Problem Three: The Classics



This problem focuses on the classics. Students have to combine performance with classical problems that relate to art, architecture, or literature. Problem #3 may also allow for students to build an art piece or structure to solve their problem if it is architecture-based. If the problem is literature based, students may get to write a poem or create a play showcasing the classical side of literature. This problem appeals to students who enjoy the more artistic side of history and who are welcome to showcasing their solutions in a performance.

**This is for more of you more interested in the performing arts!**

# Problem Four: Structure



The structure problem consists of students building a structure out of balsa wood and glue. Omers must build a structure that can withstand multiple pounds of weight. The winner is determined by how much weight the structure can withstand and how long. Omers may also have to incorprate plays into their problems

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# Problem 5: Performance



This problem focuses more on the theatrical experience of *Odyssey of the Mind*.

Students are given requirements that they have to write into their play. The requirements tell them what kind of play it has to be, whether a story where the hero has to rescue someone or the characters have to overcome a challenge. Problem #5 appeals to students who are interested in theater and performing.

**This problem is for you more interested in the performing arts!**



# Spontaneous!



This problem is required for all teams. Omers will be brought into a room where they may be prompted on a verbal or hands on problem. The team will get a specific amount of time and will be graded on teamwork, creativity, and more. This part of the competition is called “Spontaneous” because teams don’t know what they’ll have to do until they enter the competition room; spontaneous problems are kept “top secret.”



# Competitions!



OM offers competition on multiple levels—regional, state, and world finals!

\*Each membership allows 5 teams of 7 people\*

# How can OM benefit You?



## Scholarships!

-OM scholarships are offered to high school seniors or post-secondary education students. Omers can earn their scholarships as long as they are in a U.S school and have good standing grades. Not only do you stand to gain a scholarship, participating in OM looks outstanding on a college application.

## Jobs:

-Odysee can help your job applications look more professional. OM teaches you life skills and can come into play in the real world!

# Important to note:



- Problems such as one and four are not only for students interested in STEM. There are other roles in the problems such as acting and script writing.
- Every year the prompts and guidelines for each problem can change. (NOT the problem itself)
- Odyssey of the Mind is completely free to students depending on funding. (coaches may have students pay a small fee in order to help pay for supplies.)
- OMERS do NOT have to place in order to qualify for state.



# Q&A!

