



From the Director's Desk

As we head into regional tournament season, there's a real sense of energy building across Florida. Teams are putting the finishing touches on their solutions, volunteers are getting ready, and our regions are preparing to welcome students for a day that celebrates creativity, teamwork, and problem solving.

Behind the scenes, FLOMA has been busy preparing as well. This month, our Board met in person to focus on regional readiness and to plan ahead for the rest of the tournament season, including the State Tournament. These conversations help us stay aligned, anticipate challenges, and ensure we're supporting our regions and volunteers as effectively as possible.

Regional tournaments mark an exciting milestone for teams, and we're grateful to everyone helping make them happen—regional leadership, judges, volunteers, coaches, and families. Your time and commitment are what turn months of preparation into meaningful experiences for students.

We're looking forward to a strong season and can't wait to see the creativity that will carry us all the way to State.

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January & February Events

*All events are in person unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event	Region
JAN 6	Coaches Meeting (virtual)	Buc Bay
JAN 17	Spontaneous Workshop	Buc Bay
JAN 17	Judges Training	Magic Center
JAN 24	Spontaneous Workshop	Manatee
JAN 24	Spontaneous Workshop	Magic Center
JAN 24	Judges Training	Nature Coast
JAN 26	Mandatory Coaches Training	Palms
JAN 31	Judges Training	Manatee

JAN 31	Judges Training	Space Coast
FEB 5	Coaches Meeting	Space Coast
FEB 7	Magic Center Regionals @ Tohopekaliga High School	Magic
FEB 7	Nature Coast Regionals @ Franklin County High School	Nature
Feb 7	Judges Training	Palms
FEB 7	Mandatory Coaches and Judges Training	Buc Bay
FEB 7	Judges Training	Gulf Coast
FEB 7	Judges Training	Sun
FEB 21	Buc Bay Regionals @ Mulberry High School	Buc Bay
FEB 21	Manatee Regionals @ Beachside High School	Manatee
FEB 21	Judges Training	Emerald Coast
Feb 28	Emerald Coast Regionals @ Crestview High School	Emerald Coast
Feb 28	Gulf Coast Regionals @ Thomas E. Weightman Middle School	Gulf Coast

Feb 28	Palms Regionals @ Treasure Coast High School	Palms
Feb 28	Space Coast Regionals @ Viera Middle School	Space Coast
Feb 28	Sun Regionals @ Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School	Sun

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Regional Tournament Info

Good luck to all teams competing at this year's regional tournaments! Remember to check your region's website and/or Facebook page for updates and tournament info.

Regional director contact info is provided at the bottom of this newsletter.

Best of luck and have fun!

Auction Reminder!

FLOMA's 3rd annual online auction is still accepting donations!

Last year we had incredible items and experiences such as NASA merch, Rosen Plaza hotel stay, Brevard Zoo tickets, and more.

This year we hope to have even more up for bid! If you'd like to showcase your business while supporting FLOMA, email

auction@floma.org to donate now!


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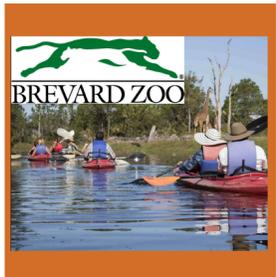


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who want to shop with heart.



Alumni Advice



Calling all Florida Odyssey of the Mind alumni—you're an essential part of the OM community! Whether you competed last year or decades ago, there are exciting ways to stay involved this season.

Give Back: Volunteer at a Regional Tournament

Our regional tournaments wouldn't be possible without volunteers, and alumni make some of the best ones. From judging and scoring to day-of support, your OM experience helps inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers. Volunteering is also a great way to reconnect with OM friends and meet new ones in your area.

Don't Forget: OM Scholarships Are Open

The [Florida Odyssey of the Mind scholarships](#) are currently accepting applications. These awards celebrate creativity, leadership, and continued involvement in OM—so be sure to apply (and spread the word to fellow alumni who might qualify!).

Coming Soon: Alumni State Meet-Up

We're planning the second in-person alumni meet-up at this year's State Tournament! Expect creativity, connection, and a little nostalgia. More details coming soon—keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and social media.

Scholarship questions? Email scholarships@floma.org.

**Are you an Odyssey Alum?
Scan the QR code to join the
national alumni database!!!**



[HTTPS://WWW.ODYSSEYALUMNI.ORG/](https://www.odysseyalumni.org/)

2026 FLOMA Merch Incoming!

Keep an eye out for our 2026 FLOMA merchandise! Some items may be available at your Regional tournament, and on our Zeffy online site starting on March 1st!
Select items will be at State exclusively!

Regional Director Contacts

Don't know what region you're in? Check out our Region map here:

<https://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.com/contacts>

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