

# The Creativity Chronicles



## From the Director's Desk:

Happy New Year!!! The first of our regional tournaments is right around the corner, with both the Magic Center and Space Coast hosting their respective tournaments on Saturday, February 18th! Can't wait to start filling our Facebook page and website with tournament pictures. For those of you that are getting anxious, don't. Take a deep breath or two and focus. Teams should be finalizing their problem solutions and that means a lot of things to a lot of people. Remember to look over the scored elements in the Long Term problem. Focus on those "objective" and require elements first, followed by the subjective elements with the highest scoring ranges. Take some time now to get the team to complete their paperwork, making sure that all General Clarifications, as well as Team Specific Clarifications have been addressed. Put together a Team Emergency Kit. You know the drill: duck tape, glue, hot glue, a glue gun, stapler/staples, scissors, string, etc. Have the team step back from each backdrop as the team completes them. The team should objectively ask, "Is this the best we can do?" The same self-assessment should be done with costumes, propos, etc. Even the novice teams know a work product that is something they should be proud of, versus one that just gets by. The more time the team takes before the competition, the more likely the team is to finish at the top. As of this morning we currently have 398 total teams registered to compete at the various regional tournaments. On behalf of the entire State Board, best of luck to all!

On behalf of your FLOMA Board of Directors,  
Anna Long, FLOMA AD

## Alumni Advice



As our regional tournaments approach, a great way to stay involved as an alumni is by electing to become a judge. Many individuals (alumni or not in the past) also made this decision that enabled you to participate/love Odyssey of the Mind! Do you have any ideas for giveaways or events that the alumni association could sponsor? Contact Reghan at [alumni@floma.org](mailto:alumni@floma.org) with any ideas you may have or if you need help signing up to volunteer! As always, forever starts today when you sign up for the alumni database using the QR code below!



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

## Problem Updates

Only Problem 2 has new clarifications from December! Complete clarifications can be read and submitted through [odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications](http://odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications).

**P2/C4** – Performance Chart: An example of the Performance Chart to be used at each competition site can be found on the Member Resources page. A judge will check off when each action and the simple task are considered to be complete.

**P2/B7** – The series of actions that lead to completing a simple task: The 3 actions and the simple task are presented for score over a total of four rounds. The four rounds may occur in any order and consist of:  
One round: action a  
Another round: action a, action b  
Another round: action a, action b, action c  
Another round: action a, action b, action c, simple task

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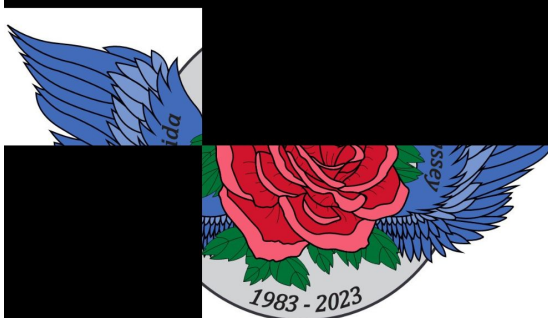
## January Events:

- Jan. 4**
- Judge/Worker Registration Deadline - Emerald Coast
- Jan. 7**
- Problem Captain Training/State Board Meeting
- Jan. 15**
- registration/program book preorder/district required form deadline - Gulf Coast Region
- Jan. 21**
- New Coaches Training - Buc Bay Region
  - Spontaneous/Skill Fair (West) - Emerald Coast
- Jan. 27**
- National Registration Deadline
- Jan. 28**
- Spontaneous/Skill Fair (East) - Emerald Coast

Check out our website or social media for updates this tournament season:

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

## 2023 State Pin Reveal



## Spontaneous Problem of the Month - Verbal

Name things that are blue.

## Around the Regions

### Meet the New Regional Directors

**Buccaneer Bay - Amanda Pope**  
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Your Florida Odyssey of the Mind board of directors has some new faces and each region has some familiar faces as new regional directors bringing a fresh take to OotM this year. Email the new RD's and welcome them to the team!

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